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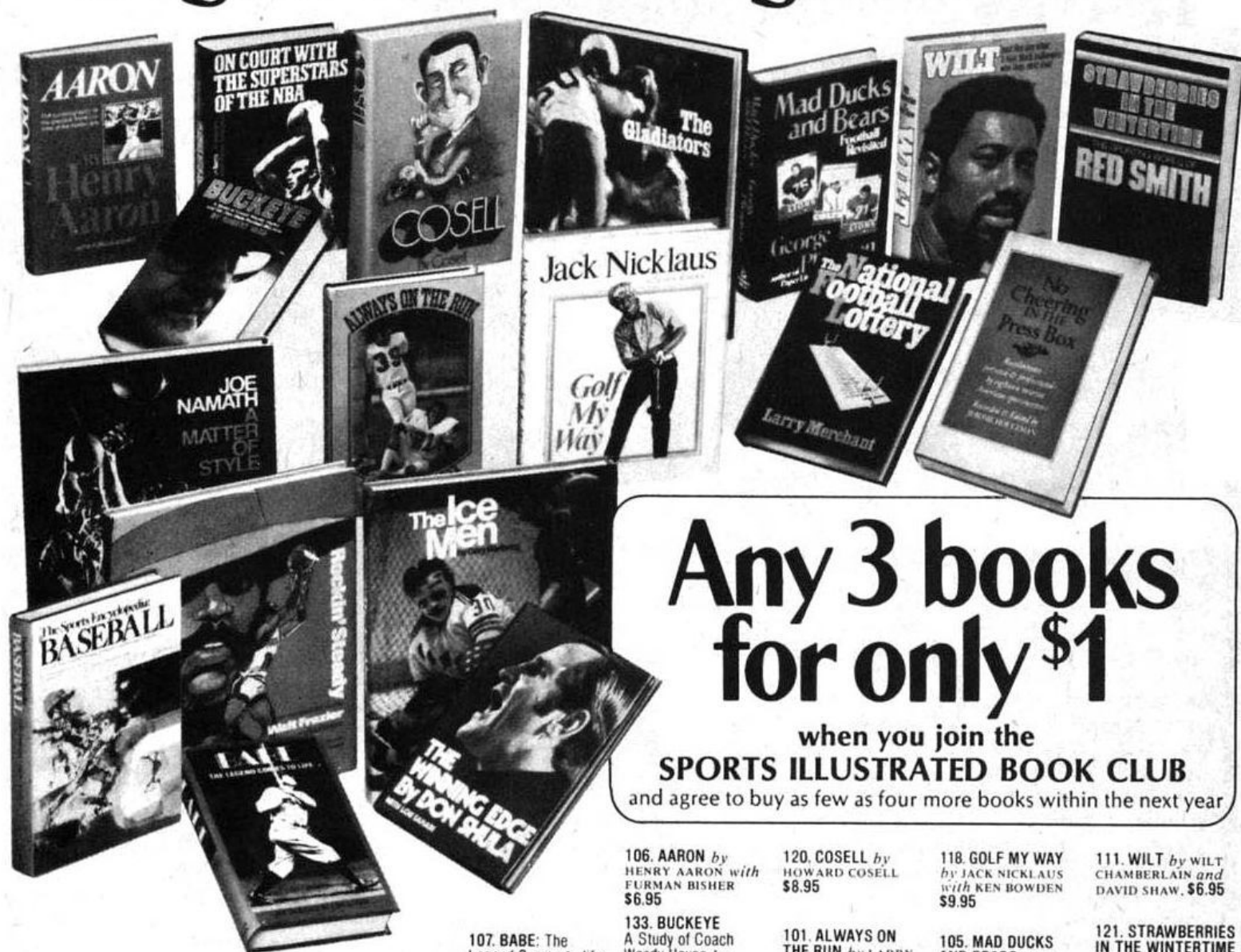
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EAST

EASTERN MAJORS



Keith Morris is George Washington's top scorer with a 16.2 points per game avg.



Merlin Wilson (44) is on his way to rebound mark at Georgetown. His avg. 13.1



Andy Walker provides scoring punch for Purple Eagles of Niagara. He has 17.5 average.



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Villanova



STEVE SOLOP
Fairleigh Dickinson



FRANK ALAGIA
St. John's



CHRIS RZONCA
Seton Hall

MANHATTAN

The return of nine lettermen, the addition of a top flight junior college transfer and a sensible schedule all combine to make Manhattan a candidate for the Top 20.

The Jaspers were 18-9 last season and were participants in the National Invitation Basketball Tournament for the second straight time.

Coach Jack Powers will have his entire starting lineup returning intact, although one of the forwards is likely to be sent to the bench.

Heading the list is 6-10 senior Bill Campion (20.7 points and 15.5 rebounds). He was selected the Haggarty Award Winner. The Award is given yearly to the top collegiate player in the New York Metropolitan area.

George Bucci, a 6-3 senior guard is an All-American candidate. He tossed in 17 points a game and was a stickout on defense. Powers says he'll match Bucci against any guard in America. The other backcourt veteran is 5-10 playmaker Charlie Mahoney (10.6).

Mike Young and Tom Reilly, a pair of 6-6 senior forwards were starters a year ago, averaging 9.8 and 9.3 points, respectively. Ready to move in is 6-7 Juco transfer Tom Lockhart.

Other players who figure to play a prominent role are Ron Carrington, a 6-5 sophomore swingman who averaged nine points a game over the latter half of the season, and 6-0 junior John Hurley.

RUTGERS

Any team with a talented performer such as Phil Sellers starts the season with an edge on most clubs. And so it is with Rutgers which will be gunning for another post-season berth.

Sellers, a 6-5 junior, is one of the premier players in the nation. He has already surpassed the 1,000 point total for his career after averaging 19.5 points as a freshman and 23.2 points last year.

"Phil could be a starter in the pros right now," says second year coach Tom Young. "He has a tremendous basketball mind."

Certain to join Sellers in the lineup is 6-4 junior Mike Dabney, who averaged 15.8 from his forward slot. The guards—Ed Jordan and Mark Conlin—both of whom started as freshmen should be more consistent with a year of experience behind them. Jordan hit for 11.1 points a game.

The center position is still up in the air. Les Cason, a 6-10 junior is a possibility if he can win the battle of the boards. If not, the job could fall to 6-6 freshman Hollis Copeland, a New Jersey prep All-Stater.

Other key returnees are 6-3 Jeff Kleinbaum and a pair of 6-8 forwards Mike Palko and Bruce Scherer. Steve Hefe, a 6-5 incoming freshman should see plenty of action, too.

CANISIUS

Canisius coach John Morrison can figure on starting each game with at least 33 sure points. That total represents the approximate average of last year's NCAA scoring champion, Larry Fogle.

Fogle, a 6-5½ junior who transferred to Canisius after Southwestern Louisiana was forced to drop basketball, scored 835 points a year ago for a 33.4 point average. He also led the Golden Griffins in rebounding with a 14.0 norm.

Over the course of the campaign, Fogle twice tallied more than 50 points and 40 or more five other times. His high water mark was 55 against St. Peter's.

The other forward spot will be strong, too, with the return of Mel "Marvel" Montgomery, who sat out last year. He averaged 13 points during the 1972-73 campaign. Kenny Kee, a 6-6 junior (14.7) and 6-2 junior Paul Anthony (5.3) are the returnees at the corner positions.

The Griffins are strong in the middle. Charley Jordan, a 6-8 junior, took the position over at mid-season and finished with 15.3 points and 10.3 rebounds each time out.

In the backcourt, it'll be 6-0 senior Jim Schofield (7.6 assists) and 5-11 senior Mike Roberts (12.2).

Two juco recruits, 6-5 Tim Stokes and 6-6 Craig Prosser will provide reserve strength.

ST. JOHN'S

As much as coach Lou Carnesecca complains, he still winds up with 20 wins each season and a bid to one of the big national tournaments.

He's been complaining about the lack of a big man, knowing full well that ready to step into the spot vacated by Ed Searcy is 6-7 freshman, George Johnson, who might have been the best player in New York City high school last season.

Johnson, a super-quick big man, will provide the Redmen with scoring, rebounding and shot blocking.

The rest of the front line is pretty potent. Bill "Beaver" Smith, a 6-4 leaper, is set in one corner while 6-4 sophomore Glenn Williams and 6-4 senior Kevin Cluess, will share time at the other spot. Cluess can also play the backcourt which should be a strong area too. He is an excellent outside shooter.

Probably the top player on the club is 6-3 senior guard Mel Utley, who averaged 17.6 points a game. His mate probably will be ball handling whiz Frank Alagia, a 5-8 junior, who missed a lot of action last year. Other possibilities are incoming freshmen Bill Clarke and Tom Calabrese.

John Farmer, a 6-6 transfer from Hofstra, and 6-11 Juco transfer, Tom Weadock, are frontcourt reserves.

SETON HALL

After recording its first winning season in more than a decade (16-11) and appearing in the National Invitation Tournament following a 17-year absence, Seton Hall looks for another fine campaign.

Coach Bill Rattery lost only guard Bill Terry from among his top 10 players.

The front line is the strength of the club. It is both experienced and talented.

Certain of starting jobs are 6-8 John Ramsey, a highly coveted player by the pros, and 6-9 super sophomore Glenn Mosley. Ramsey, who has good range, averaged 13.8 points and is a cinch to become the eighth player in school history to surpass the 1,000-point mark.

Mosley joined the Pirates at mid-semester and finished averaging 13.8 points. He was 15th in the nation in rebounding and is a shot blocking demon in the middle.

The other two veteran frontcourt performers are 6-6 senior Pete LaCorte (10.6 points and 8.0 rebounds) and 6-9 senior Chris Rzonca (9.8). La Corte can play the backcourt while Rzonca could move Mosley to forward.

Paul Lape, who is closing in on the school assists record (195 last year) will likely be joined in the backcourt by Tom Flaherty or incoming freshman Greg Tynes.

SYRACUSE

More of the same is the outlook for Syracuse this season. The Orange have averaged 21 wins a year for the past four seasons (84-25) and gone to four straight post season tournaments.

Graduation claimed three starters but coach Roy Danforth feels this may be his deepest club in his seven years at the helm.

The top returnees are co-captains, 6-8 senior forward Rudy Hackett and 6-2 senior guard Jim Lee.

Hackett has been the leading board man for the past two winters (9.6 rebounds as a soph, 11.6 as a junior). He upped his scoring tempo from 12.1 to 16.8 last year.

Lee, a solid playmaker, averaged 13.7 points, hitting 50 percent of his field goal attempts. He led the club in assists with 107.

Chris Sease (4.8) and Kevin King (4.4) are top returnees while the sophomore ranks may provide as many as three starters. Earnie Seibert and Bob Parker,



Joe Rogers (10) is one of nine vets returning to Villanova. New faces will help too.



WARREN BAKER
West Virginia



DARRYL BROWN
Fordham



KEITH STARR
Pittsburgh



JONATHAN SMITH
Georgetown



MICKY HAMPTON
Navy



DAVE THOMAS
Army



Bill Campion heads impressive list of lettermen at Manhattan. He has fine 20.7 avg.



OSCAR JACKSON
Duquesne



PAT TALLENT
George Washington

both 6-9, could team with Hackett on a huge front line.

Jim Williams (2.0) and Larry Kelley (16.8 with the JV's) are expected to battle it out for the guard spot vacated by the graduation of All-American Dennis DuVal. Other possibilities are incoming frosh Ross Kindel and Kevin James.

NIAGARA

After two straight losing seasons, Niagara head coach Frank Layden feels things will turn around in 1974-75. The NU coach relied mainly on sophomores and freshmen a year ago and lost just one starter through graduation.

Among the top returnees will be the Eagles' bruising 6-9 center Mike Hanley, who averaged 9.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per game; 6-4 forward Andy Walker, last season's leading scorer (17.5); and 6-8 forward-center Bruce Watson, who averaged eight points a game. All are juniors.

Two other leading lettermen are sophomores Jim "Chico" Singleton, a 6-1 guard, and 6-4 Roy Beekman, who averaged 8.5 points and 5.8 points, respectively.

The only senior on the squad will be 6-2 guard George Rautins, the second leading scorer (13.3).

A talented crop of newcomers gives Layden additional reasons for optimism. The group includes five freshmen and a transfer from Kentucky.

The frosh are 6-8 Vern Allen, 6-5 Dave Cox and Ollie Harper, 6-1 Skip McDaniels and 5-8 Billy Mecca. Jeff Ray, a 6-5 forward, who played on the Kentucky freshman team two years ago, also joins the club.

VILLANOVA

After a year of seasoning for several key young players, Villanova coach Rollie Massimino is somewhat more optimistic about the 1974-75 season. Nine returning lettermen, including four starters, plus some highly regarded newcomers provide a strong nucleus.

Improvement on last year's 7-19 record will require consistency and that should come with the experience.

The Cats lost only two players, Larry Moody, a three-year starter, and alternate starter Dimitrus Alston.

Returning starters include guards 6-0 Joe Rogers (7.9) and Chubby Cox, a 6-2 sophomore (11.8). John Olive, a 6-7 sophomore (9.7) and the very gifted Larry Herron, a 6-8 sophomore—the team leader in scoring (13.1) and rebounding (7.3)—are frontline stalwarts.

The presence of Reggie Robinson and Keith Herron, a pair of 6-6 freshmen, could cause a shakeup on the frontline. Bob Sebastian, a 6-6 senior (8.8) and 6-4 Mike Stack (3.0) are also possibilities.

Backup help in the rear guard will come from 6-1 Ed Manning, 5-10 Tom Melchionni and incoming freshman Whitey Rigsby.

GEORGETOWN

If Georgetown coach John Thompson can find some depth, the Hoyas have an outside shot at producing a 20-victory campaign.

Last year, optimism ran high, but the injury bugaboo turned things into a disappointing break-even (13-13) campaign.

Thompson was caught short when veterans Mark Gallagher, a 6-5 forward who started as a sophomore, missed the entire season and Paul Robinson didn't suit up the final 15 games. To top it off, 6-7 Larry Long, also missed key games because of a knee injury.

The talented team is led by the one-two punch of Merlin Wilson and Jonathan Smith. Wilson, a 6-9 junior center provides the rebounding and shot blocking; Smith the scoring.

Wilson pulled down 13.1 rebounds (he averaged 11 points a game) and should establish a school career record. Smith, a 6-1 junior averaged 17.9 points, scoring 20 or more in 12 different contests.

Long, who averaged seven points and seven rebounds and Gallagher (9.0 in 1972-73) are strong frontcourt candidates. But they will have to best 6-9 junior Billy Lynn (13.0) and 6-5 muscleman Greg Brooks (6.7 points and 6.0 rebounds).

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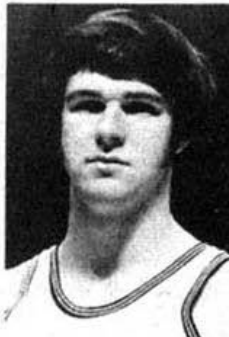
EAST IVY LEAGUE



Backcourt strength at Princeton will be provided by Mickey Steurer with 11.0 avg.



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JOHN ENGLES
Pennsylvania



Paced by Phil Brown, an All-Ivy performer, Brown looks to best year in hoop history.



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Columbia



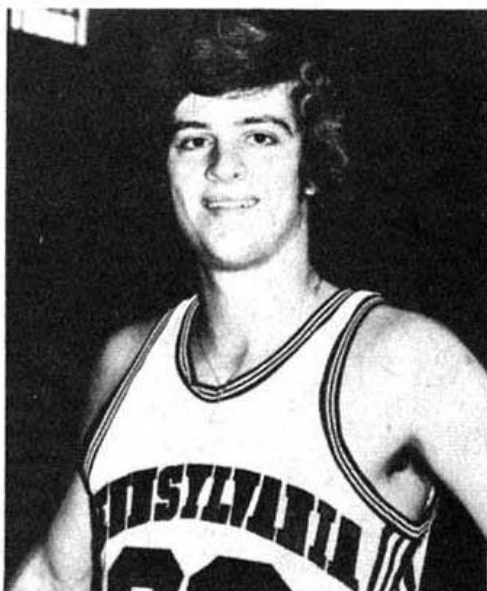
RON HAIGLER
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MARK HARDAWAY
Columbia



Yale captain Gary Franks is sharpening defensive game to match offensive brilliance.



All-Ivy John Beecroft is one reason Penn. is favored to gain sixth straight title.

PENNSYLVANIA

Penn, with the top team in the East, should roll to a sixth consecutive Ivy League championship. The Quakers are a stronger club this year, especially in the backcourt.

In 6-8 senior Ron Haigler and 6-8 junior John Engles, Penn has two of the finest big men in the country. Haigler, a two-time All-Ivy performer was the Big Five Player-of-the-Year. He averaged 17.4 points and 10.6 rebounds. Engles was ECAC "Rookie-of-the-Year" after averaging 14.1 points and 8.3 rebounds and hitting .513 of his field goal attempts.

The third spot up front will go to either 6-7 senior Bob Bigelow (6.3)—best defensive player—6-11 junior Henry Johnson (5.6) or 6-6 senior Larry Lewis (7.7). The versatile Bigelow will also play the backcourt under certain game situations.

All-Ivy John Beecroft—good outside shooter, floor-leader, ball handler and exceptional foul shooter—fills half of the backcourt perfectly. Beecroft averaged 9.8 points and made .875 of his free throws.

His running mate will be Mark Lonetto, a 6-4 sophomore with All-League potential. As a freshman, he averaged 22 points a game, making .581 of his field goals.

Reserve help at guard will be provided by 6-1 junior Ed Stefanski (2.7) and Ed Enoch (2.6).

Coach Chuck Daly holds this is his best balanced club in his four years at Penn and who can argue with him.

BROWN

If the results of the past two seasons are any indication, Brown is in for its best season in the school's 200 year plus history. The nucleus of the team which finished 17-9 and split with Ivy League champion Penn, returns as seniors.

Coach Gerry Alaimo worked with seven regulars last year. Six of them return. They are led by 6-5 Phil Brown and 5-10 Eddie Morris, both of whom started every game.

Brown, an All-Ivy performer has led the league in rebounding each of the last two seasons. A year ago he averaged 16 points and 11.9 rebounds a game. For two seasons, his field goal shooting percentage is nearly 56 percent.

Morris was the team assist leader with 133 while averaging 9.9 points per contest.

The others who saw considerable action were 6-6 forward Jim Busam (13.7), 6-4 forward Vaughn Clarke (12.3), 6-2 guard Lloyd Desvigne (7.9), and 6-2 guard Jay Regan (6.5).

The Bruins should have more bench strength and added height on the front line. Alaimo can go to his bench and call on junior Art Schoeller and sophomores Tom Conboy, Rob Critchton and Gary Druitt, all 6-7, along with 6-9 Ed Bernard. Dave Raila, Glenn Scotland and Brian Saunders and other guard candidates.

PRINCETON

For the first time since he arrived at Princeton eight years ago, head coach Pete Carril faces the possibility of a losing season. The Tigers lack a big, experienced center and have a tough non-league schedule against the likes of Notre Dame and Davidson and an appearance in the South Carolina Classic.

The backcourt looks fairly solid with 6-1 junior Micky Steurer, who averaged 11 points a game and paced the team in assists and steals, and 5-10 junior Pete Mollow (3.1). Tim van Blommestein, a 6-3 senior (4.6) and 6-2 senior Brien O'Neill (1.9) will provide backup help, along with 5-11 sophomore Ed Yourkewicz.

Armond Hill, a 6-5 junior, who left the team for personal reasons in mid-season is expected back and will provide the Tigers with a big boost. He was averaging 12.5 points a game when he dropped out. Hill will move to forward to join 6-5 junior Bob Slaughter (4.5) or promising 6-4 sophomore Wayne Harrison (13.5 points and 8.2 rebounds with the frosh).

Barnes Hauptfuhrer, a 6-7 junior, will move from
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EAST EAST COAST CONF.



BILL TAYLOR
La Salle



BILL MANN
American Univ.



Co-Captain Kevin Washington is Temple's key playmaker. Owl senior has 7.3 avg.



Steve Oristaglio starts at guard for Bucknell. He averaged 7.4 points for Bisons.



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Delaware



TOM MCLEAN
Bucknell

LA SALLE

Paul Westhead's LaSalle squad should be one of the best in the East this year. The Explorers, who were 18-10 last season, return four starters, led by 6-5 senior Billy Taylor and explosive 6-10 junior Joe Bryant.

Taylor, the MVP in the Conference a year ago, averaged 19.7 points and was over 20 on 11 occasions. His highlight was a 39-point outburst against American when he hit 18 of 22 field goal attempts. Bryant, who sat out his freshman year, averaged 18.7 points, second in Conference and Big Five scoring races. His 10.8 rebounds led the Big Five.

The backcourt is well set with 6-0 junior Charlie Wise and 6-2 junior Glenn Collier. Wise, a defensive specialist, registered 11.9 points and contributed 110 assists to the Explorer attack. Collier, who became a starter in the sixth game, scored at a 7.3 norm. Freshman Daryle Charles should see plenty of action.

Westhead hopes to find strength up front from among reserves 6-8 Kevin McBain, 6-8 Varick Cutler, and 6-10 Donn Wilber.

TEMPLE

Temple lost most of its scoring power from the team which compiled a 16-9 record and won the ECAC Quaker City Tournament.

Co-Captain Kevin Washington heads the returnees and gives the Owls a dependable playmaker and scorer. Washington averaged 7.3 points, but had a 12 point average in the last six games.

The other co-captain is 6-8 George Bower (2.0) who was a deep reserve last season. Coach Don Casey is counting heavily on Bower.

Dennis Calzonetti, Phil Brand and Tony Moore are other definite returnees.

There are five outstanding freshmen recruits—6-7

Marvin Brown, 6-7 Nate Blount, 6-4 Marty Strahurski, 6-4 Tim Claxton and 6-0 Tony Reynolds.

Defensive will, once again be the hallmark of the Temple team. Last year the Owls had the nation's second best defensive mark, permitting only 56.7 points a game. One of the losses was 11-6 to Tennessee.

HOFSTRA

Hofstra appears ready to challenge for supremacy in the East Coast Conference against the likes of perennial powers Temple, LaSalle and St. Joseph's.

Coach Roger Gaeckler will have eight returnees—including four freshman starters—and a talented crop of eligible red shirts.

Heading the vets is 6-6 Rich Laurel, who averaged 18.8 points a game last year. He has All-America potential. Ken Rood, a 6-2 shooting guard (12.2) figures to hold his starting job as does 6-8 Pat Kammerer (9.4 points and 6.2 rebounds).

Moving in at center will be 6-9 junior John Irving, a transfer from the University of Arizona. Irving will rival LaSalle's Joe Bryant as the best big man in the conference.

Bernard Tomlin, who hit for more than 30 points a game with the Utah freshmen several seasons back, should start at the other guard position.

Two other transfers—6-6 junior Bob Bush and 6-1 Arnold Coleman—along with returnees 6-6 sophomore Bob Blyden (3.8), 6-4 Larry Dais (1.5), 6-2 Bob Dowling (3.3), 6-4 John Macukas (7.9) and 6-8 Vince Volmut (7.3) round up a potentially strong club.

AMERICAN U.

Head coach Jim Lynam will have to replace four graduated starters as he attempts to improve on the 16-10 record his team compiled in his first year with the American University Eagles.

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Hofstra's Rich Laurel (21) boasts a hot 18.8 avg. He is a possible All-American.

EAST

NEW ENGLAND MAJOR IND.

HOLY CROSS

With four of its five scorers—among seven—returning lettermen Holy Cross should improve on its 8-18 mark of a year ago.

"We'll be a young team and having only 10 games at home may hurt," says coach George Blaney. "Hopefully the experience gained by our kids will pay off this season."

There are three veterans up front with 6-9 junior Marty Halsey (12.5 points and 7.1 rebounds) at center, and 6-7 junior Jim Dee (12.5) and 6-5 sophomore Jim Gooch (8.6) at the forwards. Incoming freshman 6-6 Chris Potter stands an excellent shot of displacing one of the veterans. Bill Doran, a 6-5 sophomore swingman, is another possibility.

Three holdover guards and a high scoring freshman will combine for a strong backcourt. The returnees are 6-2 senior Joe Carballeira (8.8), 6-2 sophomore Kevin McAuley (4.7) and 6-1 junior Eddie Reilly (3.4). The hot shot newcomer is 5-11 Jose Martinez, who averaged 33 points a game last year.

Other returning lettermen include 6-2 senior Doug Downey, 5-10 senior Mike Blaney and 5-10 senior Dave Holland. Bob Landes, a 6-8 center and Mike Vicens, a forward are incoming freshmen.

A break-even season would be the best the Crusaders could hope for.

BOSTON COLLEGE

Boston College will no longer be the second best team in New England, a position the Eagles held for the last couple of years while Providence was king of the hill.

Ten lettermen, including three starters are back, among them 6-6 All-America candidate Bob Carrington. It was Carrington who made the All-NIT team last season when the Eagles, enroute to a 21-9 mark, finished third. Carrington, for the season, averaged 19.4 points, connecting on better than 50 percent of his field goal attempts.

He'll be joined at forward by Wil Morrison, a gifted 6-6 junior. He hit for 6.3 points a game.

Bill Collins, a 6-9 junior who started most of the games at center (9.1) may have to make way for 6-10 sophomore Paul Berwanger, the former Prep All-American, who came on strong in the closing weeks of last season.

Running the offense will be flashy 6-1 senior guard Mel Weldon (8.7 points and six assists a game). Two lettermen—Mike Shriey and Mitch Buonaguro—and two incoming freshmen—Jeff Bailey and John O'Brien will fight it out for the remaining spot.

FAIRFIELD

There seems little doubt that Fairfield will make it back to the NIT. The Stags appear headed for another outstanding season but it's their thousands of rabid fans who will make the club so appealing.

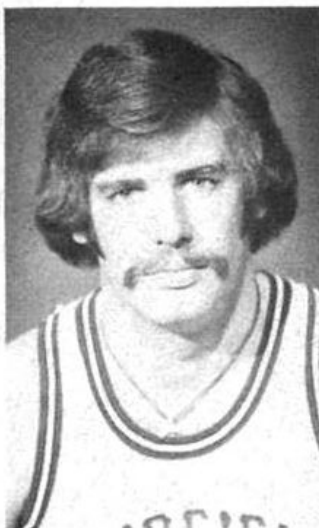
Gone from the 1973-74 club which finished 17-9 are leading scorer Richie O'Connor (17.3) and New England's all-time career assist leader, John Ryan (675).

Heading the list of 11 returning lettermen are starters Ralph Rehn, Craig Moorner and Ray Kelly.

The 6-6 Rehn, a starter for the third consecutive year, averaged 15.3 points (second on the team) and 5.3 rebounds (third best). Moorner, a 6-11 two-year starter topped the Stags in rebounding (9.6).

Kelly could be the key to the Stags' success. He averaged 14.3 points last year, but may have to concentrate more on quarterbacking the club.

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RAY KELLY
Fairfield



MARTY HALSEY
Holy Cross



EDDIE REILLY
Holy Cross



Bob Carrington (with ball) of Boston College is being touted as All-America pick.



MARK McANDREW
Providence



JIM DEE
Holy Cross



JOE HASSETT
Providence



OWEN MAHORN
Fairfield



CRAIG MOORER
Fairfield

EAST SMALL SCHOOLS

BRYANT

The 1974-75 season appears promising for Bryant basketball. Eight of 10 players from last season's 20-8 team will return including all the regular starters and the top seven scorers.

Headlining the list of returnees is 6-10 junior Dave Sorafine who alternated at the center and forward positions averaging 25.4 points and 12.6 rebounds a game. Teaming with Sorafine up front will be transferee Kim Kaplan (6-10), who averaged 20 points and 15 rebounds at Brandeis last year, and 6-10 junior Charlie Armstrong.

Senior playmaker Ned Bohan (5-9) and sophomore Walt Washington (8.9) provide backcourt strength.



If Steve Dennis' knee holds up, Stonehill College will be tough in east competition.



Steve Walters (35) returns to Siena squad. He led team to best season in two decades.

ASSUMPTION

Assumption loses only one starter from last year's team which posted a fine 22-7 record. The 1974-75 edition of the Greyhounds will be built around 6-7 senior center John Grochowalski who averaged 23.9 points and 15.7 rebounds. Joining him in the frontcourt will be 6-7 sophomore Bill Wurm (6.3) and either 6-4 senior Chris Erali or 6-2 Swingman Paul Brennan (11.4).

The legs of the Greyhound fastbreak are 6-2 junior Gary Sergo and 6-1 sophomore Jim Boylan (10.3).

Top recruits for this year include 6-7 forward Jim Kelly, 6-6 forward Rick Tucker and guard Jeff Stansbury (6-2).



RAY DAVIS
Millersville



JOHN GROCHOWALSKI
Assumption



JEFF CLARK
Gettysburg



LEROY STOWBRIDGE
Shippensburg



RICK DUNSMORE
Slippery Rock

SIENA

Coach Bill Kirsch's Siena cagers are coming off their most successful season in more than 20 years (19-8). He has solid performers returning like 6-5 Steve Walters (17.1) and Richie Smith (12.6)—the starting forwards—and 6-8 center Steve Raczynski (7.0).

In the backcourt, the club will likely go with Tim Welchons (10.2) and Dinny Cahill (15.9 assists).

A strong bench is in the offing with sophomores Tom Paradise and Chris Madden, both 6-6, along with 6-7 Tim Jansen and 6-5 Ralph Bielefeldt at forward, Jim Scully and either Cahill, Wayne Myers or Welchons at guard and Gary Hollie, Pete Bronson or Bielefeldt at center.

Hollie is a transfer from Xavier, Myers from the University of Detroit and Bronson is a highly touted freshman prospect.



Bryant's Dave Sorafine boasts a sensational 25.4 points per game.



John Guyton has a 14.2 average. John is big man at Indiana of Pa.



Steve Raczynski has nailed down the center spot for Siena.

INDIANA (PA.)

The loss of NAIA second team All-American Randy Allen has left coach Carl Davis with a huge gap to fill in the lineup. But the performance of several freshmen on last year's 21-8 squad and another batch of talented recruits could vault IUP toward another district title.

The star now will be 6-7 forward John Guyton (14.2). Other returning starters are 6-3 Jeff Lawrence (8.2) and a tough backcourt of 6-0 Marty Mattocks (6.1).

Eugene McCaa, a 6-4 forward, is the most notable of the recruits. He'll battle the likes of Gary Kotsch, Rich Lynch and Mike Reidmiller for playing time.



GARY SERGO
Assumption



PHIL WALKER
Millersville



JOE CULLMAN
Stonehill



TERRY ACKER
Slippery Rock

MILLERSVILLE

Coach Dick DeHart, in his 19th year, has six
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EAST NEW ENGLAND SMALL



CHARLES SMALLS
Amherst



DAVE DAVIDSON
Middlebury



Colby's high scoring Brad Moore rates double coverage. He has a 20.1 point average.



DAN VOGT
Bowdoin



DAVE HIXON
Amherst



PHIL NASTY
Bridgeport



RANDY BROCK
Coast Guard

COLBY

Repeating last season's 14-7 performance may be a difficult task after losing four starters but the Mules have a fine nucleus in All-American candidate Brad Moore at center and Gerry McDowell at forward.

The 6-5 Moore averaged 20.1 points and 16.1 rebounds while McDowell, a junior, posted averages of 10.1 and 6.8 respectively. Other returnees with shots at starting roles are senior forward Gene DeLorenzo and guards Bob Anderson and David Clark.

Promising recruits include two 6-5 forwards, Paul Harvey and Ray Giroux, and 6-0 guard Al Wilson.

MIDDLEBURY

Middlebury coach Tom Lawson is looking to a nucleus of returning veterans and some sophomores who saw varsity action last year to turn this into a winning season for the Panthers.

Center Dave Davidson (6-8) is expected to start along with 6-2 junior forward Dave Nelson. The guard positions will probably be handled by senior captain Dave Pentkowski (15.7) and junior Kevin Cummings, the leading scorer with a 16.3 average, backed up by sophomore Jim Reese.

The remaining forward position will have to be

filled from among incoming freshman prospects William Phelps (6-6) and Peter Rivoira (6-5).

BRIDGEPORT

Sporting a returning nucleus of ten players which includes four starters, Coach Bruce Webster sets out to lead the Purple Knights back into their winning tradition of recent years.

6-6 Lee Hollerbach, who scored at a 17.8 clip and grabbed 199 rebounds, returns for his third season. Also returning are forwards Phil Vaughan (10.4), Tom Boken (8.3) and co-captain Don Kissane.

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EAST YANKEE CONFERENCE



BOB WAGNER
Maine



STEVE CONDON
Maine



Randy Hughes leads Rhode Island in scoring and rebounding. He's in his senior year.



AL WESTON
Connecticut



BILL ENDICOTT
Massachusetts



Rich Gale, a 6-7 center is one of few vets back at New Hampshire. He has a 9.6 avg.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts appears to have the talent needed to win another Yankee Conference championship.

Three starters who helped spark Massachusetts to a 41-12 mark over the past two seasons are back. They'll be joined by an All-American prep guard and a sophomore center who was ineligible a year ago.

Replacing the school's only three-time All-Conference first team selection, Al Skinner as well as backcourt general Rick Pitino, is no easy task. But coach Jack Leaman can call on 6-8 senior forward John Murphy (15.4), 6-2 senior guard Bill Endicott (14.6) and 6-5 junior forward Greg Duarte (5.4).

The super freshman is 6-2 Alex Eldridge, U. Mass' best prospect since Julius Erving. He'll battle 6-3 senior Jim Burke (2.6) for the other job in the backcourt.

Jim Town, a rugged 6-7 sophomore, should be the answer at center. He'll be counted on primarily as a rebounder.

Steve Mayfield, a 6-7 sophomore and Mike Pyatt, a 6-6 freshman, will be frontcourt reserves with 5-9 junior Mike Stokes, 6-3 junior Joe Arttime and 6-0 freshman Derick Clairborne at guard.

CONNECTICUT

With 10 lettermen returning, Connecticut has a good chance of ending up in the National Invitation Tournament for the second consecutive year.

The Huskies (19-8) lost three of their top seven players, including leading scorer Jimmie Foster (16.3), and two key forwards, Gary Custick and Cal Chapman.

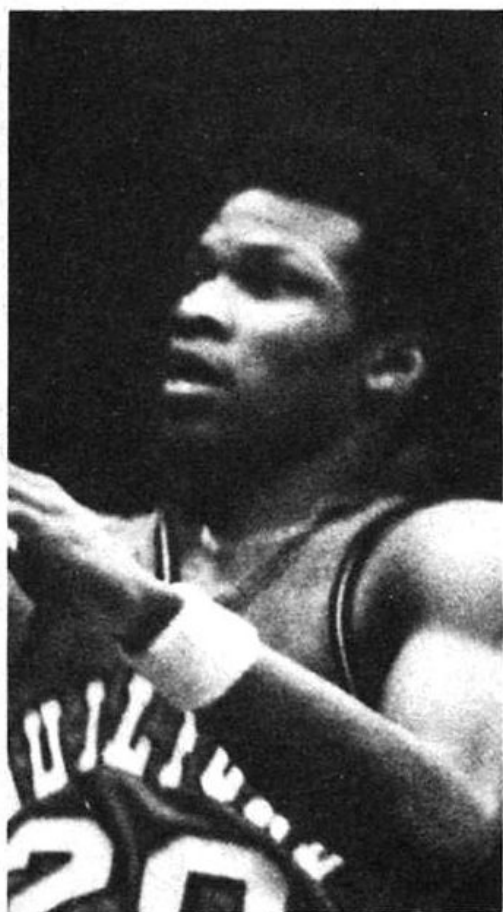
Still, there's plenty of experience available. Al Weston, a 5-10 junior (14.1) will be joined in the backcourt by 6-6 senior Ed Harrison, who averaged 1.9 points in a reserve role.

John Thomas, a 6-8 junior, is back at center. He led U. Conn. in rebounding with 10.4, scoring at 5.8 norm.

At the forwards, it will be 6-5 senior Earl Wilson and 6-4 sophomore Tony Hanson. Wilson averaged 10.2 points and was second in rebounding with 8.3. Hanson

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NAIA ALL AMERICANS



LLOYD FREE
Guilford



FREDDIE STOKES
Barber-Scotia (N.C.)



BRUCE HAMMING
Augustana (Ill.)



WILLIE PARR
LeMoyne-Owen

NAIA ALL-AMERICANS

FORWARDS

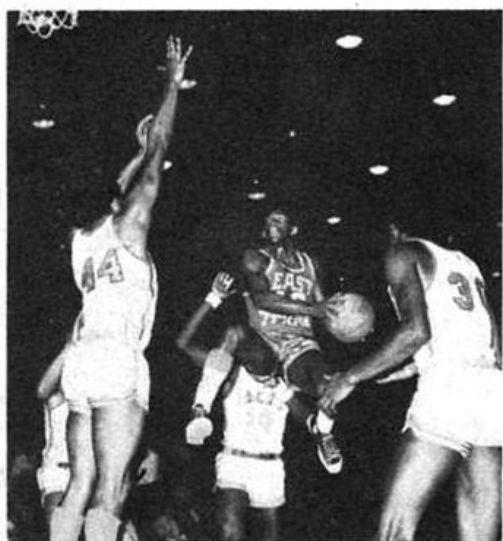
EUGENE SHORT	Jackson State (Miss.)	6-7	JR.
GERALD CUNNINGHAM	Kentucky State	6-7	SOPH.
JEFF BROWNE	Missouri Western	6-8	JR.
WILLIE PARR	LeMoyne-Owen (Tenn.)	6-7	JR.
GARY TOMASZEWSKI	St. Mary's (Tex.)	6-5	SR.
HOLLIS MILLER	Drury (Mo.)	6-9	SR.
IKE DEVORE	Midwestern (Tex.)	6-6	SR.
JESSE CAMPBELL	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	6-9	JR.

CENTERS

MAJOR JONES	Albany State (Ga.)	6-10	JR.
BRUCE HAMMING	Augustana (Ill.)	6-11	SR.
BAYARD FORREST	Grand Canyon (Ariz.)	6-10	JR.
JOE PACE	Coppin State (Md.)	6-11	JR.

GUARDS

LLOYD FREE	Guilford (N.C.)	6-1	JR.
O'NEAL TARRANT	East Texas State	5-10	JR.
FREDDIE STOKES	Barber-Scotia (N.C.)	6-2	SR.
RICK REED	Azusa-Pacific (Cal.)	6-2	SR.
JIM HEARNS	Marymount (Kan.)	6-4	JR.
HARVEY CARMICHAEL	Kentucky State	6-3	SR.
ARCHIE TALLEY	Salem (W. Va.)	6-1	JR.
LARRY WRIGHT	Grambling (La.)	6-1	SOPH.



O'NEAL TARRANT
E. Texas State



IKE DEVORE
Midwestern (Tex.)



MAJOR JONES
Albany State



JOE PACE
Coppin State



LARRY WRIGHT
Grambling

SOUTH

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE



Kentucky features fine mix of recruits and veterans such as Bob Guyette, 6-9 center.



LEON DOUGLAS
Alabama



BUTCH FEHER
Vanderbilt



GLENN HANSEN
L.S.U.

ALABAMA

Alabama should be more experienced and physically stronger than last year's team that went 22-4 and tied for the championship of the Southeastern Conference.

Only one of the top seven men has graduated, but Ray Odums was the Tides' all-time leading assist man.

There is a chance that T. R. Dunn, a 6-4 swingman as a freshman will be moved to guard where he'll team with All-American 6-5 Charles Cleveland. Dunn averaged 9.4 points and 8.0 rebounds, while Cleveland was the club's leading scorer (17.1).

The Tide's other two returning starters are 6-10 junior Leon Douglas, a starter the past two seasons, and 6-5 forward Charles Russell. Douglas averaged 15.2 points and 9.9 rebounds, while Russell hit for 11 points and pulled down 5.8 caroms per game.

Others expected to see plenty of action are guard Johnny Dill (4.5), forward Don Bowerman and center Dale Dunn. Alabama has had good success with freshmen the past couple of seasons and this year's top recruit is 6-3 guard Anthony Murray.

KENTUCKY

With four returning starters, including All-America and two time All-Southeastern Conference Kevin Grevey (21.9), coach Joe B. Hall is looking for Kentucky to improve its 13-13 record.

Hall appears to have cured one of the Wildcats' major weaknesses of the last two years, lack of frontline height and muscle—when he landed 6-11 Rick Robey and Mike Phillips, 6-10 Dan Hall, 6-6 James Lee and 6-5 Jack Givens.

The coach's biggest job now is to blend in the raw talent with returning starters Greven, 6-9 center Bob Guyette (12.7), 6-4 forward-guard Jimmy Dan Conner (12.0) and 6-3 guard Mike Flynn (11.5).

"The big men we signed will enable us to use a double post offense," says Hall. "We'll also have a very strong bench."

Kentucky also returns two time lettermen G. J. Smith and Steve Lochmueller at forward and Jerry Hale. Larry Johnson, a top prospect at guard, lettered as a freshman.

AUBURN

Last year, Auburn won 10 games with six of its eight regulars being either sophomores or freshmen. With four starters back and a group of five prep All-Americans coming in to challenge them, coach Bob Davis has begun to add the depth he needs to make the Tigers a winner.

The four starters include 6-2 sophomore guard Ed-die Johnson, 6-6 junior forward Gary Redding and 6-8 junior forward Bob Bond and 6-7 sophomore center Pepto Bolden.

Johnson became the first rookie in the history to lead the Southeastern Conference in scoring (22.3). Bolden, only 180 pounds, led the league in rebounding (12.3) and was sixth in field goal percentage. He scored at a 10.5 norm.

Redding, a two-year veteran starter, overcame a poor start to finish with 12 points and 9.4 caroms a contest, and Bond scored 5.3 points.

Glen Moon, a 6-10 junior, who spelled Bolden last season, is expected to add some help at the pivot. Junior Bob Manudla will battle incoming freshmen for the starting guard slot opposite Johnson.

The highly touted freshmen, all of whom have a shot at playing are 6-8 Mike Mitchell, 6-7 Myles Patrick, 6-5 Stan Pietkiewicz and 6-1 guards Wayne Bracy and Jim Krivacs.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee hopes to join the battle for the Southeastern Conference basketball championship with a team built around slick playmaker Rodney Woods and last year's freshman All-America, Ernie Grunfeld.

Woods, who is returning after breaking an ankle during the basketball season, will run the Vols 1-3-1 offense and serve as a steadying influence on a young team.

Grunfeld, who averaged 17.4 points and 7.2 rebounds, while hitting .496 of his field goal attempts, rates as one of the premier players in the S.E.C.

Two of the remaining spots may be taken over by freshmen. Bernard King, a 6-5 muscleman, has the leading shot at the high post spot with 7-0 Decarsta Webster a low post possibility. Bob Brykalski, a 7-0 red-shirt, might work his way into the picture.

Austin Clark and Mike Jackson, along with freshmen Tim Joyce and Don Evans will vie for the other wing post.

VANDERBILT

Vanderbilt lost heavily from its co-championship team, but a solid nucleus of seasoned veterans and an excellent recruiting year have Commodore fans thinking title again.

Coach Roy Skinner will have three starters back from last year's squad, headed by All-America candidate Jeff Fosnes, a 6-6 forward who averaged 12.6 points. Also back are both guards 6-4 Butch Feher (8.5) and 6-3 Joe Ford (10.6).

Others returning are 6-9 reserve center Bob Chess and 6-7 center forward Mike Moore.

Recruiting wise, the premier prospect is 6-5 Prep All-American Tom Shultz. The Commodores also landed 6-11 Neil Bemenderfer and 6-9 John Sneed, both of whom should help in the area of rebounding.

The other three prospects are 6-7 Tom Kramb, 6-2 Ted Govedarica and 5-10 Dicky Keffer.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Coach Kermit Davis' Mississippi State team might well be the darkhorse in the Southeastern Conference this season.

The Bulldogs, who finished 16-10, lost only one starter and a top line frontcourt reserve. They added some outstanding newcomers, headed by 6-7 Junior College All-American, Taylor Williams.

Jerry Jenkins, 6-7 All-Conference forward, is a key figure in the Bulldog plans. He finished sixth in the conference scoring race (18.1). Rich Knarr, a 6-2 junior guard who averaged 15.8 points, returns following late season knee surgery.

Another important factor is 6-5 senior forward Larry Fry (13.5), the nation's eighth best field goal shooter with a 60.5 percentage.

Three players, who alternated at the second guard berth also are back. They are 6-3 Jeff Stroman, 5-11 Joe Dean and 6-4 Don Coleman. John Kantner, a transfer from Michigan, also figures prominently in Davis' plans.

Bob Shapiro, a 6-9 senior, who saw considerable action; 7-3 redshirt sophomore Dale Hathorn and 6-9 sophomore David Hudek will battle it out for the starting post position.

Other recruits include 6-7 Walter Wright, 6-7 Ricky Moss, 6-10 Dan Jarrett and 5-11 Bill Childers.

GEORGIA

Georgia coach John Guthrie has good reason to believe his team will be improved over that of a year ago when the Bulldogs were 6-20.

For one thing, the young squad returns virtually intact. And for another, the Bulldogs have several talented newcomers on hand as a result of the best recruiting year in the school's history.

Georgia's top returning player is 6-5 senior forward Billy Magarity, who averaged 16.8 points and 6.6 rebounds to lead the club in both categories. The other forward spot will likely go to 6-7 freshman Jack Dorsey with varsity returnees 6-5 Lenny King and Taylor Lovell and 6-3 Roy Holland in reserve.

Steve Waxman averaged 6.8 points a game as the starting center, but he'll probably give way to 6-10 Lucius Foster, a consensus prep All-American a year ago. Foster will provide the Bulldogs with tremendous inside strength.

Another freshman, Anthony Flanagan, called by some the best young point guard in the country, figures to handle one of the backcourt jobs. He'll team with either Bryan Drafts or Tim Goski, the starters a

year ago. Also back are top reserves Dave Lucey and Julius Brown.

LSU

Dale Brown, the second year coach of LSU, hopes to have his team become a factor in the Southeastern Conference race this time around. His rookie campaign was a disappointment as the Tigers lost nine of the final 11 games to finish 12-14.

The team will be built around 6-5 senior Glenn Hansen, one of the premier players in the Conference. Last year, he led the Tigers in both scoring and rebounding with 19.4 points and 9.0 caroms.

He'll most likely be joined up front by Ed LeBlanc (6.9 points and 5.2 rebounds) at center and highly touted freshman Floyd Bailey at the other corner.

There's adequate reserve strength, too, with Frank LeFevre (5.1), John Engquist (4.9), Randy Herring (2.3), along with Gary Huffman and Rick Wolfert, the top two players on the JV team.

Mike Darnell, who averaged 8.1 points as a starting guard, will assume the leadership role held last year by Eddie Palubinskas. The other backcourt spot will go to either letterman Dennis Wolff (5.0), incoming freshmen Kenny Higgs or Doug Saylor.

"Our early season schedule is brutal and we're going to have to mature in a hurry," says Brown. "We are a young team that's going to get better as it gains experience."

MISSISSIPPI

Ole Miss enjoyed a 15-10 record a year ago, the third consecutive winning season—a phenomenon which occurred most recently in 1936-37-38.

Three starters graduated, including All-Southeastern Conference performer Coolidge Ball. Gary Yoder, a top reserve guard, decided to transfer.

Coach Cob Jarvis will build his team around a pair of veterans, 5-11 senior guard Dave Shepherd and 6-6½ sophomore forward Walter Actwood.

Shepherd, who averaged 14.3 points, missed double figures only once and that occurred when he was injured in the first minute of play against Alabama. Actwood tallied 11.1 points during Conference play and grabbed 8.5 rebounds.

Part-time starter Dean Hudson, who enjoyed a fine sophomore season, slumped to 7.8 points a year ago, but finished with six good games in a row. He'll battle two year letterman Bob Mahoney and freshman Joe Kyles for the starting assignment.

Matt Meibers, a 6-6 senior (4.9) and 6-10 sophomore Mike Kirk are the leading contenders for the post spot held down for the last three years by Fred Cox.

The other corner position is likely to be taken over by 6-5 Harvey Murray, the Most Valuable Player in the Alabama Juco ranks.

FLORIDA

Florida, under rookie coach John Lotz, was the surprise team of the Southeastern Conference a year ago. The Gators finished 15-11 overall and posted upset wins over the conference co-champions, Alabama and Vanderbilt.

Returning are nine lettermen, including the top two scorers, and a trio of experienced guards.

Serving as the nucleus is 6-8 senior center Chip Williams, who led the Gators in scoring (20.6) and rebounding (11.1). Gene Shy, a 6-5 senior forward was second in scoring with 17.8 points. He also collected 8.4 rebounds per game.

The returning guards are 6-2 sophomore Bruno Caldwell (10.9), the team's assist leader; 6-3 sophomore Don Bostic (3.2) and 6-1 junior Mike Lederman (7.4).

Two redshirts and four new recruits could figure heavily in the Lotz program. Bob Smyth, a 6-7 forward, missed last season due to a knee injury as did 6-6 forward Roger Rome.

The signees are 6-3 Greg Armstrong, 6-6 Al Bonner, 6-10 Larry Brewster and 6-5 Bob Lindsay.

Other returning lettermen are 6-4 Don Close, 6-4 Jerry Moore, 6-6 Curt Shellabarger and 6-0 Joe Repass.



EDDIE JOHNSON
Auburn



TIM GOSKI
Georgia



JERRY JENKINS
Mississippi St.



CHIP WILLIAMS
Florida



MIKE FLYNN
Kentucky



ED LEBLANC
L.S.U.



PEPTO BOLDEN
Auburn



ERNIE GRUNFELD
Tennessee



DAVE SHEPHERD
Mississippi



BILLY MAGARITY
Georgia



RODNEY WOODS
Tennessee



GENE SHY
Florida



KEVIN GREVEY
Kentucky



RICH KNARR
Mississippi



JEFF FOSNES
Vanderbilt

SOUTH ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

MARYLAND

In mid-June, Maryland coach Lefty Driesell got 6-11 Moses Malone to put his signature on a national letter of intent and the Terps were immediately thrust into the role as favorites to win the NCAA championship.

Then, in late August, Driesell lost his prized recruit when Malone signed a lucrative contract to play with the Utah Stars of the American Basketball Association.

Now, the NCAA title seems out of the question. In fact, the Terps will be fortunate to finish second in the highly competitive Atlantic Coast Conference.

Gone from last year's squad which took NCAA champion North Carolina State into overtime before losing are All-Americans Len Elmore and Tom McMillen. The duo represented much of the firepower for the Terps.

The new-look front line will have holdovers 6-8 Owen Brown and 6-9 Tom Roy, along with 6-5 sophomore Steve Sheppard.

Sheppard could turn out to be a prominent player in Driesell's overall game plan. Two years ago, he was the Most Valuable Player in the rugged New York City Public School League.

N.C. State coach Norm Sloan says that Sheppard may be the one player in the country capable of neutralizing superstar David Thompson of North Carolina State. Sheppard has been described as "an Adrian Dantley, only stronger and better."

Chris Patton, a 6-9 freshman, could be thrust into the starting lineup—if anyone falters.

The backcourt, led by 6-3 junior John Lucas, the premier guard in the country, is sound. He'll team with Maurice Howard with freshman Brad Davis in reserve.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Four of five starters, including college basketball's premier player—David Thompson—return from an NCAA championship team, so North Carolina State must be given a shot at repeating.

The chances would have been much better had 7-0 Tom Barker not decided to attend Hawaii instead of NC State, as he first indicated. Now coach Norm Sloan must find a replacement in the middle where Tom Burleson roamed the past three seasons.

Thompson, of course, will carry the attack. The 6-4 senior, AP's Player-of-the Year, averaged 26 points a game, hitting 547 of his field goal attempts. He was second in rebounding with 7.9.

The other forward will be 6-7 Tim Stoddard (5.5). Stoddard could blossom into a first rate performer and a high pro draft pick.

Phil Spence, a 6-8 senior, who averaged 6.0 points as a reserve, will be given first shot at the center job. His competition will come from among a trio of sophomores—6-11 Bill Lake, 6-10 Mike Burma and 6-9 Ken Gehring.

The backcourt is dynamite. Monte Towe, a 5-7 ballhandling wizard (12.8) made All-ACC a year ago, and he'll make the Wolfpack offense go. Morris Rivers, a 6-1 senior, chipped in with 12.1 points.

Lettermen Mark Moeller, Craig Kuszmaul and Dwight Johnson provide backup help at guard.

Two freshmen, Robert "Bobo" Jackson (guard) and 6-7 Ken Carr (forward) may be able to crack the strong varsity squad.

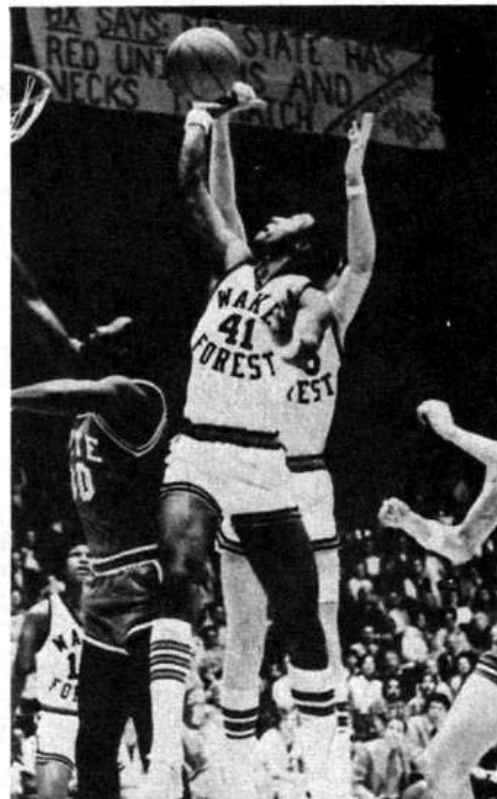
NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina will be without its All-America forward Bobby Jones and leading scorer Darrell Elston

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Owen Brown (42), 6-8 Senior with an 8.4 avg., will be in Maryland starting lineup.



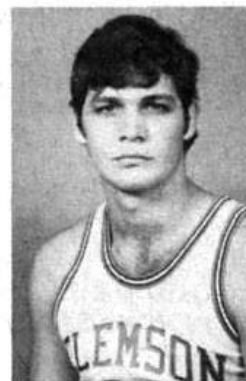
Lee Foye (41) will get a long look at Wake Forest forward post. He has 4.2 average.



KEVIN BILLERMAN
Duke



JERRY SCHELLENBERG
Wake Forest



WAYNE CROFT
Clemson



WALTER DAVIS
North Carolina



DAVID THOMPSON
N. Carolina State



BOB FLEISCHER
Duke



STEVE SHEPPARD
Maryland



MITCH KUPSHAK
North Carolina



Virginia's Billy Langlosh made ACC's second team as frosh. He'll pace the Cavaliers.

SOUTH OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Contending for the Ohio Valley Conference title is a new experience for Middle Tennessee. The Blue Raiders enter the season as the favorites to win their first championship.

Six of the top seven scorers from last year's 18-8 squad return, including four starters. Coach Jimmy Earle recruited a super freshman in 6-3 Claude "Sleepy" Taylor, the leading prep scorer in North Carolina.

At guard, the Raiders return 6-0 junior Fred Allen, the leading scorer with a 16.5 per game average. Jimmy Martin, a 6-5 senior, who hit at an 8.8 norm figures to start at the point again.

At forward will be George Sorrell, a 6-5 senior who was the team's No. 2 scorer (14.8) and the leading rebounder (10.7). The other corner man is 6-6 senior Steve Peeler (9.0) as a sixth man.

The center for the third straight year is 6-8 junior Tim "Kokomo Kruncher" Sisneros (12.2).

Kim Malcolm, a 5-10 guard and 6-8 center Greg Laravie are other vets and will be joined by 6-6 Juco transfer John Bonner and freshman Ricky Collins.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Western Kentucky should get a head start over its counterparts of a year ago, if for no other reason than the fact that nine members of the club will now have varsity experience.

Western lost only one player from a squad that was 15-10 overall and won seven of its last eight games.

Forward 6-6 Kent Allison (13.1 points and 10.4 rebounds) and 6-2 guard Johnny Britt (18.4) were named to the All-OVC team and should be even stronger this time around.

Another outstanding returnee is Chuck Rawlings, who tallied 13.2 points from his wing position. Also back is point guard Ed Gampfer (2.7).

Mike Odums, a 6-5, 235-pounder, who averaged 15.6 points and 9.4 rebounds over the final five games, figures to move in at center.

Other returnees included 5-10 Calvin Wade (10.4), 6-7 Mike Warner (5.0), 6-4 Mike Larson (3.5) and 6-8 Mike Fuller (2.5).

Gary Elliott and Dennis Benningfield, up from the JVs will contend for reserve jobs, while Wilson James, a Juco transfer has a shot at seeing playing time in the frontcourt.

AUSTIN PEAY

The unexpected loss of James "Fly" Williams and Danny Odums, coupled with the overall lack of veteran stability, leaves Austin Peay coach Lake Kelly with the obvious task of rebuilding.

Williams, the Ohio Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year, and Odums accounted for nearly 45 percent of the Governors offense last season.

Back from the OVC co-championship team are forwards Percy Howard, Reed Epley, Joe Johnson, Richard Jimmerson and Juan Smith; center Ralph Garner and guards Mickey Fisher and Fred Lee.

Ron Anthony, a super prospect, should move into Williams' vacated forward spot and join Howard (11.9 points and 6.6 rebounds) and either Johnson (7.9 points) or Jimmerson (6.4) on the front line. Frosh Gary Green and Otis Howard are strong candidates for jobs, too.

Fisher averaged 5.1 points a game, while Lee, an early season regular hit for 2.6 points. They'll face stiff challenges from Juco transfers Charlie Fishback and James Bitt and freshman Norman Jackson.

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DARNELL ADELL
Murray State



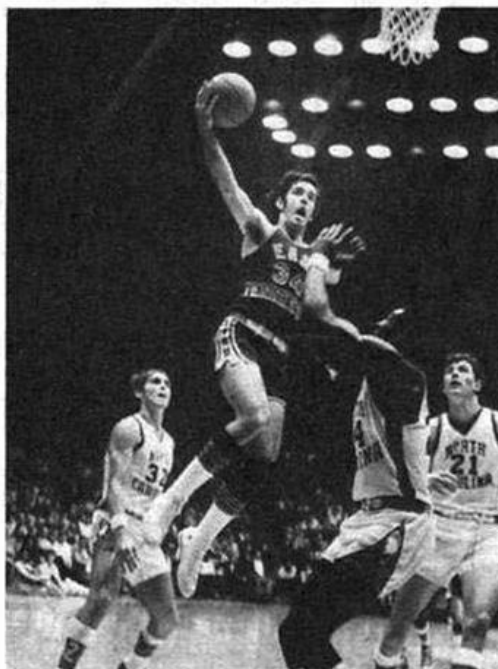
FRANK JONES
Tennessee Tech.



JOHNNY BRITT
Western Kentucky



TIM SISNEROS
Mid. Tennessee St.



Although East Tennessee took on teams such as North Carolina, Bucs must find big man.



Morehead faces rebuilding program geared around Ted Hundley, one of two veterans.



Percy Howard (23) will be back at Austin Peay. But loss of "Fly" Williams hurts.



Chuck Rawlings (15) paces potent Western Kentucky attack. He averages 13.2 p.p.g.



KENT ALLISON
Western Kentucky



MICKEY FISHER
Austin Peay



MICHAEL COLEMAN
Murray State



ARCH JOHNSON
Morehead State

SOUTH

SOUTHERN MAJORS

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina should have one of the most potent teams in the country this season. Only high scoring guard Brian Winters is gone from the team that finished 22-5.

The top returnee is All-American candidate Alex English, a 6-8 junior forward. English, a two-year starter, averaged 18.3 points and 8.8 rebounds as a sophomore.

Returning on the front line with English is 6-7 center Bob Mathias, another junior who hit for 8.9 points and was the leading rebounder (9.7). Although he played in the middle, he may move to a forward spot to make room for highly regarded Tommy Boswell, a 6-9 transfer.

Boswell averaged 24 points and 17 rebounds at South Carolina State before being redshirted at USC. A superstar of the future may be 6-4 sophomore forward Nate Davis (6.8).

Another vet is 6-6 junior Mark Greiner, a defensive specialist who scored at a four-point norm.

Heading up the backcourt is two-year regular Mike Dunleavy, a 6-2 junior who averaged 16 points a game. His likely running mate will be ballhandling whiz, 6-2 freshman Jackie Gilloon. Another possibility is 6-2 yearling Billy Truitt, or possibly lettermen 5-11 Jimmy Walsh or 6-5 sophomore Stu Klitenic.

MEMPHIS STATE

A new coach, a new schedule and a new season is expected to carry on an old tradition of winning basketball at Memphis State.

Coach Wayne Yates can call on eight returning lettermen off a 19-11 team which received an NIT bid. In addition, the Tigers grabbed six excellent newcomers, two of whom step into starting assignments.

John Gunn, a 6-9 freshman, who prepped in Memphis, and 6-9 Junior College All-America Marion Hillard, should help to give the Tigers a potent front line, which also returns lettermen 6-7 Ed Wilson, 6-10 John Washington, 6-6 Ron Fairfield, 6-6 Larry Trosper and 6-5 Darrell Bridges.

At guard, last season's top two scorers, Dexter Reed, a 6-4 sophomore, (1.87) and Bill Cook, a 6-5 junior, (16.2) return.

There are two-year lettermen 6-6 Clarence Jones (10.2) and 6-2 junior letterman Jim Liss who was a redshirt last season. Both should add depth in the backcourt. Junior Ed DeSchepper, sophomores Bob Corn and Vaughn Sutherland and freshman Alvin Wright are other squadmen.

The Tigers are a cinch to win 20 games. They play 18 games at home against such teams as Montclair State, Wisconsin-Green Bay, East Texas State, Buffalo State, Union and Georgia State.

JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville went to the NIT last year, yet the outstanding season didn't satisfy the fans who were after coach Bob Gottlieb's scalp. He managed to survive but is almost forced to produce a 20-win season.

Gottlieb will have 3 returning men—6-5 All-American forward Henry Williams, 6-8 Shawn Leftwich and 6-1 guard Jimmie Clark. Williams is a great talent, but very much of an individual, so he and Gottlieb were at odds much of the campaign. In the NIT, Williams played his best ball of the season.

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TOM BOSWELL
South Carolina



BILL COOK
Memphis



KYLE MCKEE
Virginia Tech.



Steve Sonnenberg resumes role as Georgia Tech. playmaker as club seeks to rebuild.



Mercer's Andre Brown (52) averages 11.1 points. Transfers are key to '74 season.



BILLY WILLIAMS
Stetson



SHAWN LEFTWICH
Jacksonville



JOHN PRINCE
Southern Mississippi



JIM WOOD
Georgia Tech.



AL WALTER
Sanford

SOUTH SOUTHERN SMALLER SCHOOLS



EUGENE SHORT
Jackson State



JEFF FUHRMANN
Old Dominion



JAMES SPARROW
N.C.A. & T



PAUL PRATT
Erskine



JIM BLANKS
Gardner-Webb



JIMMY MEADOWS
Carson Newman



JAY ROUNTREE
Old Dominion



BILLY BURTON
Grambling



DAVID MILLS
Carson Newman



LARRY WRIGHT
Grambling



GRAY EUBANK
Old Dominion



ALAN GUSTAVEL
West Georgia

JACKSON STATE

Jackson State returns four starts from the team which won the SWAC regular season championship a year ago. The Tigers were eliminated in playoffs, 27-26, in a slowdown final.

First team All-American Eugene "Super" Short is back for his junior year. He averaged 24 points a game and played with the U.S. team this past summer.

Short's younger brother, Purvis, a 6-7 freshman and a former prep All-America, moves in at the other forward with Glendale Jones (11.8) and Ricky Berry (11.2) at the guards. Henry Ward (11.8 points and 7.4 rebounds) is the center.

KENTUCKY STATE

Kentucky State, which lost in the semi-finals of the NAIA tournament last year, has the horses to win it all this time around.

Coach Lucias Mitchell's Thorbred will be led by 6-7 sophomore Gerald Cunningham, who averaged better than 35 points a game in post season play. At the other corner will be either Melvin Williams or Arthur Box. Andre Hampton, a 7-foot senior returns to his center spot.

The backcourt is solid with 6-3 senior and four-year starter, Harvey Carmichael and either Lewis Linder or Carl Murphy.

WEST GEORGIA

Roger Kaiser's West Georgia team swept to the NAIA championship in 1974 and, despite the loss of four starters, could have a shot at a repeat performance.

Only 6-3 Dave Edmonds (14.0) returns but he'll be joined by a host of newcomers and junior college transfers.

Tony Stroud, who averaged 14 points a game at Western Kentucky, moves into the backcourt. The frontcourt will be built around 6-8 Tyrone Gates, Jeff LaCava and Alex Mitchell. Tim Reynold, a high scoring swingman, is a top recruit.

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SOUTH SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

FURMAN

With four starters returning from last year's team, which reached the Eastern Regionals, Furman's outlook is extremely promising.

The big four are 6-9 All-American Clyde Mayes, 7-1 Fessor Leonard, 6-6 Craig Lynch and 6-1 Bruce Grimm.

Mayes, who was selected Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year, averaged 17.3 points and 13 rebounds a game as a junior. He hit .547 of his field goal attempts.

Leonard, a 7-1 senior, scored at a 15.3 norm and along with Mayes gives Furman an excellent inside duo.

If teams sag to stop the inside power, Grimm is capable of breaking open the game with his long range shooting. The lefthanded sophomore averaged 14.4 points. Lynch connected for 9.8 points from his wing position.

The fifth spot will be up for grabs among Baron Hill, a senior who has started at times during his career, and junior college transfer, Steve Green.

DAVIDSON

Davidson will be aiming for its 14th consecutive winning season armed with a new coach—Bo Brickels—and a solid group of returning players, led by all-Southern Conference guard Greg Dunn, who averaged 15.7 points, and center-forward Larry Horowitz (13.3).

Guard Jay Powell (7.3) and center Sheldon Parker (6.6) were starters on last year's 18-9 club and Tom Verlin and Eppa Rixey are lettermen with vast experience.

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DAVE COOK
Appalachian St.



LARRY HOROWITZ
Davidson



GARY BYRD
William & Mary



BOB MCCURDY
Richmond



Furman's Clyde Mayes was rated Conference Player-Of-Year. He leads four returnees.



STEVE CATLETT
Richmond



TOM MARSH
East Carolina



GREG DUNN
Davidson



STEVE CHAPIN
VMI



GREGG ASHORN
East Carolina



RON SATTERTHWAITE
William & Mary

MID WEST

BIG TEN CONFERENCE



All-Big Ten Rick Schmidt is one of four veteran starters returning to Illinois.



Indiana's Quinn Buckner should up his 8.2 avg., now that he has given up football.



SCOTT THOMPSON
Iowa



WAYMAN BRITT
Michigan



LARRY BOLDEN
Ohio State



TERRY FURLOW
Michigan State



STEVE GREEN
Indiana



A fine recruiting year plus return of vets such as Phil Saunders make Minnesota threat.



BILLY MCKINNEY
Northwestern



BRUCE PARKINSON
Purdue



LINDSAY HAIRSTON
Michigan State



OTHO TUCKER
Illinois

INDIANA

Indiana let the Big Ten title get away last year and had to settle for the championship of the Collegiate Commissioner's Conference, a half-baked tournament set up by the NCAA and designed to kill the NIT.

All 14 squad members are back and will be joined by some high powered freshman recruits.

The lineup appears fixed in four positions. At forwards: 6-7 Steve Green (16.7), two-year starter, leading scorer and No. 2 in the Big Ten MVP balloting; and 6-7 Scott May (12.5), No. 2 scorer last year as a sophomore.

The center will be 6-11 sophomore Kent Benson (9.3). He was voted the outstanding player of the CCA Tournament.

At one guard will be 6-3 junior Quinn Buckner, a two-year starter and a veteran of international competition, including the World University and World Championship Games. He averaged 8.2 points, a mark which should improve now that he's decided to give up football.

The other backcourt spot is up for grabs among 6-5 junior Jim Crews, a starter as a freshman (2.8), senior Steve Ahfeld (last year's regular) or super sub 6-5 John Laskowski, who averaged 12.5 points coming off the bench. Another possibility is highly regarded freshman Jim Wisman.

Tom Abernathy (5.7) can play the pivot or forward and 6-6 Bob Wilkerson is a big guard. John Kamstra, who suffered from achilles problems may be a surprise in the backcourt.

MINNESOTA

A banner recruiting year could make Minnesota "darkhorse" contenders for the Big Ten championship. The Gophers, who were 12-12, picked up a host of Prep All-American and a junior college standout to go with all five returning starters from a 12-12 club.

The veterans are 6-5 guard Dennis Shaffer (17.2), 6-3½ guard Rick McCutcheon (11.3), 6-7 center Phil Filer (11.1), 6-0 guard Phil "Flip" Saunders (9.9) and 6-7 forward Peter Gilcud (6.7 points and 7.1 rebounds).

"Overall, we lacked size last year and had trouble rebounding with the big, strong teams in the Big Ten," says coach Bill Musselman. "The new players will change all of that."

The newcomers include 6-11 Chad Nelson, 6-9 Mike Thompson, 6-9 Dave Winey and 6-8 Mark Olberding, along with 6-8 Mark Landsberger, the Most Valuable Player in the California league a year ago. Osborne Lockhart, a 6-1 guard, has a good chance to dislodge one of the vets in the backcourt.

Other returning lettermen include Tony Dungy, Ken Robinson and Charles Sims.

The Gophers have their first five games at home, which will give the newcomers a chance to develop under friendly conditions. How fast they come along will be the key to the Minnesota chances.

PURDUE

Purdue lost three of its top six scorers from a team which reached the finals of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament. Coach Fred Schaus, though, was quite pleased with the performances of his young players and is optimistic about the upcoming campaign.

The Boilermakers will rely on 6-11 senior center John Garrett who finished among the top 10 percentage shooters while averaging 21.6 points per game.

The floor general is 6-2 junior Bruce Parkinson, who averaged 12 points a game and rewrote all school assist records.

Senior Jerry Nichols is the other returning starter but his status is still up in the air as the result of a ruptured tendon suffered in the NIT. He scored at a 5.4 norm.

Most likely to move into starting spots are 6-10 Tom Scheffler, who may step in at center with Garrett mov-

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MID WEST MAJOR INDEPENDENTS



As a frosh Johnny Davis led Dayton with 118 assists. He will be back at guard.



JEFF WILLIAMS
Butler



JACK BATTLE
Marshall



Marquette's Bo Ellis has .535 field goal pct. He could be nation's top big man.



MIKE FRANKLIN
Cincinnati



SHAG NIXON
Southern Illinois



JOHN DAVIS
Loyola of Chicago



CHUCK SPIELES
Cleveland State



DWIGHT CLAY
Notre Dame



JOE LEFEVRE
DePauw



GALE DRUMMER
Cleveland State



JOE MERIWEATHER
Southern Illinois



WILBUR ROSS
Detroit



JOE FISHER
Dayton



JOE HICKMAN
Marshall



BUBBLES HAWKINS
Illinois State



TED HATHAWAY
Cleveland State



TONY PARKER
Loyola of Chicago

MARQUETTE

Coach Al McGuire has guided Marquette to eight consecutive 20-victory seasons and eight straight post season tournament trips.

McGuire should have lost only guard Marcus Washington from his starting five, which was 26-5 and runner-up in the NCAA tournament. For the third year in a row McGuire lost his center to pro ball in the hardship draft—this time Maurice Lucas.

The three returning starters are good. Bo Ellis, Marquette's second leading scorer (12.2) and second best rebounder (8.5) head the returnees.

Also back is 6-0 junior guard Lloyd Walton, who averaged 9.4 points and established a school assist record of 134.

Joining Walton in the backcourt will be Al "Butch" Lee, the top prep guard in New York City last year and the MVP in the Capital Centre Classic. Another yearling, Gary Rosenberger, should see plenty of action.

Ellis will probably move to center, opening up one of the corners for 6-4 junior Earl Tatum, who hit for 10.1 points per contest. Rick Campbell, a 6-5 senior, is the other cornerman.

Craig Butrym, a 7-0 sophomore and 6-7 senior Jerry Homan, are possibilities at center, in which case Ellis would stay at forward with Campbell moving to a reserve role.

DETROIT

In two short years Dick Vitale has turned a so-so basketball program into one of the best in the nation. The Titans were 17-9 last season and now appear headed for bigger things.

Only one starter—leading scorer Owen Wells—is gone. But Detroit has come up with some exceptional freshmen talent.

Terry Tyler, a 6-7 yearling, will have to play

somewhere. He is probably Detroit's most heralded recruit since Dave DeBusschere.

Others in contention for jobs up front are 6-8 senior Terry Thomas, who averaged 9.3 points as a starter; lettermen 6-7 Jerry Guinane (3.3) and 6-5 Wilbur Ross (6.4) and freshmen 6-8 Kevin Kaseta and John Long. Walter Smith, who averaged 8.9 points as the starting center is another hopeful at forward.

Tyler could wind up at center or it might be Smith and possibly 6-9 Ron Bostick (3.2).

In the backcourt, Vitale has a host of superb guards, headed by last year's second leading scorer, 6-0 junior Riley Dotson (11.8). Playmakers Dennis Boyd (3.0), a 6-0 sophomore, and Laval Perry (5.8) a 6-2 junior, also return. Three recruits may have a lot to say about jobs, too. They are 6-3 Turono Anderson, 6-3 Dave Grauzer and 6-3 Larry Russell.

CINCINNATI

Gale Catlett came up with another banner recruiting season. As a result, he is likely to match or better last year's 19-8 mark, which included an invitation to the National Invitation Tournament.

Newcomers 6-11 Robert Miller, 6-6 Mike Jones, 6-9½ Pat Cummings 6-5 Steve Collier and 5-11 Bobby Sherlock will join nine lettermen plus two other players of note—Ron Hightower and Brian Williams—in the battle for starting positions.

There's tremendous depth in the backcourt with 6-3 junior Garry Kamstra (5.5), 6-4 junior Hal Ward (5.0), 6-3 sophomore Jim Webb and 6-5 sophomore Brian Williams. Out last year while making grades, Williams, a former first team prep All-American, will be tough to keep out of the lineup.

Mike Franklin, a 6-8 senior, who averaged 7.3 points and 8.6 rebounds could face a battle for his job from Miller (19.4 points, 22 rebounds and six blocked shots as a senior.)

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MID WEST

MID AMERICAN CONFERENCE



TOM BRABSON
Kent State



SKIP HOWARD
Bowling Green



STEVE FIELDS
Miami of O.



BOB FAULKNER
Ball State



WALTER LOCKETT
Ohio U.



FRED WALKER
Kent State



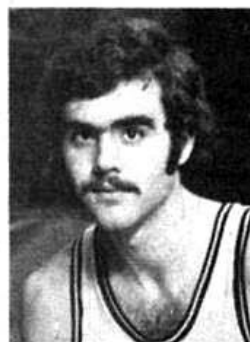
RICK GATES
Kent State



BRADLEY ROBINSON
Kent State



PAUL GRIFFIN
Western Michigan



JEFF TYSON
Western Michigan



George Green (50) starts at forward for Ohio. The senior has 11.6 point average.



An excellent playmaker, Jim Kindie, who has 14.2 average, helps run the Toledo offense.



A top defensive star, Central Michigan's Dan Roundfield (32) has upped his scoring.

OHIO UNIVERSITY

With Mid-American Conference Player-of-the-Year, Walter Lockett, among seven returning lettermen, prospects are excellent for Ohio U. to retain its league championship.

However, the ultimate success for new coach Dale Bandy will be determined by an incoming transfer, a player who missed last season due to an injury and whether two others transfer out of school.

Lockett, who averaged 22.4 points a game, was held under double figures only once and hit a single game high of 37 against Penn State.

The guard situation will be in good shape if 6-0 sophomore Larry Slappy (7.7) decides to stay in school. If not, the job will go to 6-0 junior Mike Corde (1.7).

George Green, a 6-6 senior (11.6 points and 10.3 rebounds) will hold down one forward spot. Ulice Payne, the top reserve a year ago (6.1) may transfer. That would open the spot for either 6-5 junior Dave Terek, a transfer from Creighton, or 6-7 junior Scott Love, out in 1973-74 with a knee problem.

A trouble area could be center where neither prospect has much experience. The two candidates are 6-7 Doug Jauch (1.0) and 6-6 senior Tom Hester (1.8).

BOWLING GREEN

If size is a criterion for winning, then Bowling Green is a cinch for the Mid American Conference title. The Falcons, who have a front line of 6-11½ Mark Cartwright, 6-9 Skip Howard and 6-7 All-League Cornelius Cash could finally fulfill coach Pat Haley's goal of becoming the "Maryland of the East."

Last year, the club finished 15-11 (7-5 in the MAC) and lost only one starter. In addition, Bowling Green gains the services of an outstanding guard—Steve Cooper—who transferred from Toledo.

The premier player is Cash, who hit for 13.9 points and grabbed 12.4 rebounds a game, even though he slumped during the final weeks of the season. Cartwright, who originally enrolled at Maryland, averaged 13.4, making .156 of his field goal attempts, while Howard scored at a 9.8 norm and was second in rebounding with 9.2.

Jeff Montgomery, a 6-0 senior (13.6), will team with Cooper at guard. Montgomery finished 19th in the nation last year with a .824 free throw percentage.

Other lettermen back are 6-8 junior Andre Richardson (2.6), 6-4 junior Kevin Brake (2.3) and 6-0 senior Dick Selgo (6.2). The top recruits are 6-10 Ron Hammye and 6-6 Norvain Morgan.

TOLEDO

Toledo, which narrowly missed the conference title a year ago, has a chance to win it all this season.

The Rockets have only five returning lettermen, but four of them were starters for a 19-9 team (8-4 in the MAC). The only loss is leading scorer Mike Parker, who averaged 15.1 points.

There's strength in the backcourt with 6-0 junior Larry Cole (14.4) and 6-1 senior Jim Kindie (14.2). Both are excellent playmakers and capable of running the offense.

Backing up the duo are 6-2 junior Len Matuszek, who saw limited action with the varsity; Steve Dremer, and incoming freshmen Mike Cross and Gary Fahrenstiel.

Jim Brown, a 6-8 senior, who came on strong in the final half of the season, returns at center. He averaged 11.6 points and a team high of 12.5 caroms.

One forward spot will go to 6-6 junior Mike Larsen (9.1 points and 7.5 rebounds.)

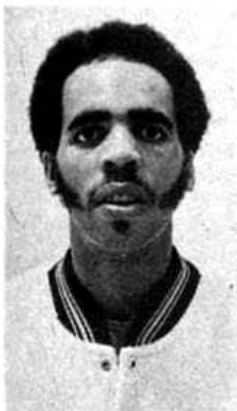
Mid American Conference Coach-of-the-Year Bob Nichols is counting on either Ken Smith or Dave Speicher, both 6-6 sophomores for the remaining position. Smith hit for 27 points and collared 13.7 rebounds and Speicher 13.4 points and 12.1 bounds with the JVs.

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MID WEST SMALLER SCHOOLS



Two-time NAIA All American Bruce Hamming (52) leads the Vikings of Augustana Col.



WILLIE VOLSON
Wayne State



MIKE DEBAKKER
Oshkosh



RICH REITZNER
Eau Claire State



GREG HOLMEN
Oshkosh



BRUCE HAMMING
Augustana



SAL KUPHALL
Oshkosh



KEN KAISER
Eau Claire State



GARRY GRIMES
White Water



CLIFF PRATT
Shaw



BERNARD HARRISON
Shaw

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

That cliché about nowhere to go but up fits the description at Northern Michigan. Coach Gleen Brown's Wildcats were 7-18 a year ago.

Brown has eight returning lettermen, a trio of transfers and three incoming freshmen. The guard spots are manned with the return of Bill Eddie, Kirt Skinner, Ed Megli, Mike Garland, Tom Izzo and Bill Uelam.

Northern will continue to be strong at forward with Dino Conley and Leroy Robertson plus Rich Brown, Willie Reeves and Phil Weaver. Kurt Ekberg is the center.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

Coach Dennis Bridges has four starters, four other lettermen and other promising talent back for a 12-12 club.

The returnees are 6-10 Jack Sikma, who averaged 15.4 points and 10.6 rebounds; sophomore forward Bob Spear (13.2), and guards Bruce Foote (12.7) and Mike Bradley (6.6).

Senior guards Bill Milinari and Dave Hill, junior forward Dave Dingleline and 6-7 sophomore center Dave Pitelka are other lettermen.

EAU CLAIRE

Eau Claire has seven returning from a team which finished 24-5, notched its fifth consecutive Wisconsin State conference title and fourth NAIA District 14 title in the past five years.

Heading up the list of returnees are starting guards 6-1 Rich Reitzner and 6-3 Romey Thomas (13.9), plus 6-7 center Ken Kaiser.

The other four lettermen are 6-11 Dennis Blunk, 6-5 Mark Brost, 6-5 Jeff Healy and 6-6 Jim Martell.

Charlie Novak and Wisconsin All-State guard Jeff Lund and Guy Rossato could make an impact as freshmen.

SHAW

Shaw was 24-9 and coach Josh Giles was pleased a year ago. However, the Saints have lost their starting front line which combined for 34 points and 32 rebounds a game.

Things aren't bad. All American candidate Cliff Pratt, who was averaging 27 points before leaving the team in mid-season is back along with 5-11 Frank Lewis, 6-0 Bernard Harrison, 6-7 Garry Harris and 6-4 Rob Henderson.

The newcomers are Mike Davis, Sidney Gaines, Leonard McDaniels, Melvin Mobley and Rickey Walker.

OSHKOSH

Eight lettermen are back at Oshkosh which was 9-15 overall and 4-10 in league play a year ago.

The performer is 6-7 Greg Holmon, who averaged 12.6 points and 17.1 rebounds from his center spot. Mike DeBakker and Dorian Boyland are the forwards with Larry Carpenter and likely transfer Ron Woppert at guard.

Other recruits include Ted Harvey and Ron Woppert.

WAYNE STATE

Bob Samaras initiated Blitz Basketball at Wayne State and wound up with a 7-18 mark.

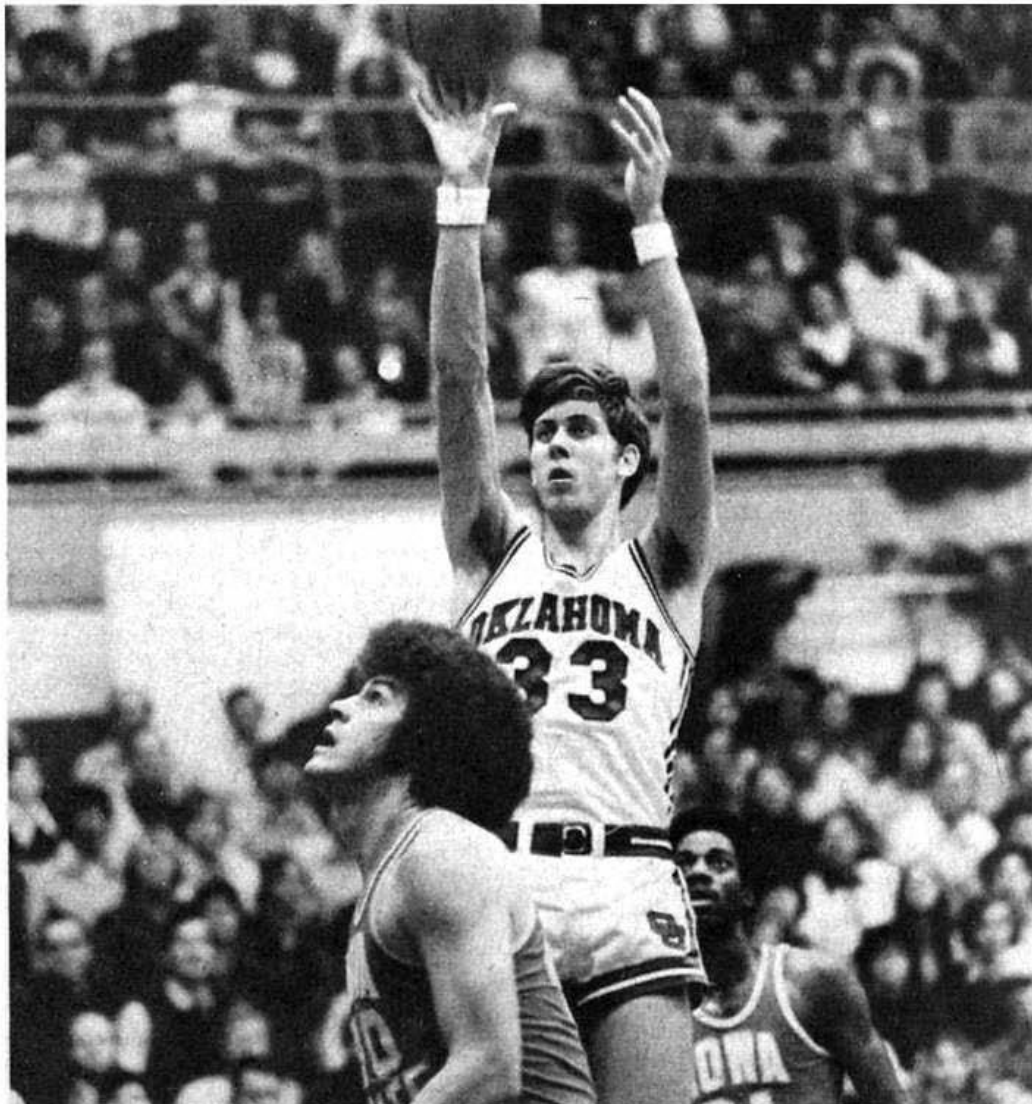
Back are 6-5 Willie Volsan, a 6-5 senior who averaged 14.8 points and 9.8 rebounds a game; 6-0 Ron Zenn, the leading assist man (71), 5-9 Herm McKalpain, 6-3½ Tony Bertoni, 6-6 Gene Way, 6-5 Rollon Rhoane and 6-5 Joe Yelder.

Chris Allen, a 6-4 junior college transfer, should be of immediate help up front.

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MIDLANDS

BIG 8 CONFERENCE



All-American Alvan Adams (33) gave Oklahoma big boost when he opted to stay in school.



DALE GREENLEE
Kansas



STEVE DANGOS
Missouri



K.C. KINCAIDE
Oklahoma State



BRENDY LEE
Nebraska



CARL GERIACH
Kansas State



EDDIE FIELDS
Oklahoma



RICKY HARRIS
Nebraska



ANDY HOPSON
Oklahoma State



JIM KENNEDY
Missouri

KANSAS

Reserve hotel accommodations for Kansas University's basketball team in San Diego, Cal. for the last weekend in March. For the second consecutive year, the Jayhawks should make it to the final four of the NCAA championships.

Returning are the top five scorers, six of the top seven players and eight lettermen. The addition of a couple of prep All-Americans further strengthens an already awesome squad.

The front court has tremendous talent and depth. Likely to start at the forwards are 6-8 sophomore Norman Cook (11.4 points and 6.5 rebounds) and 6-6 senior Roger Morningstar (12.3 points and 5.5 rebounds). The center is 6-10 senior Danny Knight (12.4 points and 7.1 rebounds).

Backing them up are the "super subs" 6-10 senior Rick Suttle (11.3), 6-5 senior Tommie Smith (6.5), 6-9 Donnie Von Moore, who averaged 23 points and 15 rebounds with the JVs, and 6-9 freshman Ken Koenigs.

The only serious loss through graduation was three-year starter and court leader, Tom Kivisto. Coach Ted Owens feels that Dale Greenlee, a 6-2 senior (11.8) can assume the leadership role.

Rick Brussard, a transfer from Olney (Ill.) J.C., freshman Milton Gibson, or Rueben Shelton (14.9 with the JVs) are the leading candidates for the other backcourt job.

Last year, the Jayhawks were 23-7 overall and 13-1 in the Big Eight. They should be able to match or better those marks.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma's chances to win the Big Eight took a decided upturn in mid-May when 6-10 All-American Alvan Adams withdrew his name from the pro hardship list and decided to return for his junior season.

Adams, the Player-of-the-Year as a freshman, had another excellent campaign, averaging 21.2 points and 12.1 rebounds a game. Coach Joe Ramsey plans to use his star at both center and forward. Adams is an excellent outside shooter.

The Sooners, who finished 18-8 overall and 9-5 in the Big Eight (third place) return nine lettermen. But other than Adams only one other is a starter. He is 6-7 senior forward Bob Pritchard (9.2).

Thus, the ultimate success of the club will depend on the development of four redshirts and some of the young players.

Forwards 6-8 Randy Gentry and 6-7 Rick McNeil and guards 6-1 Kevin Lane and 6-4 Percy Wells are considered the keys to the club's future. Gentry should step into the starting spot left open by the graduation of second leading scorer Ted Holland (11.4).

Mike McCurdy, a 6-2 senior and part time starter last season, will be joined by one of the redshirts, 5-10 sophomore Eddie Fields (2.4) or possibly freshman Dean Blevins to form the backcourt. Blevins, a football standout, will miss several weeks of pre-season training and won't be an early season factor.

Others who figure to see playing time are 6-6 sophomore forward, Melvin Baker (2.1), 6-2 guard Jay Williams (3.4) and 6-4 senior forward Herb Williams (8.1).

OKLAHOMA STATE

Four starters will be among 10 returning lettermen for Oklahoma State's second-year coach Guy Strong.

The premier returnee is 6-8 senior center Andy Hopson, leading rebounder in the Big Eight Conference the past two years. Hopson will be counted upon to increase his scoring punch. He averaged 10.4 and 9.5 points per game in his first two seasons and ranked 11th nationally in rebounding. Hopson also set a school mark with 14.6 rebounds per game.

He'll most likely be joined up front by 6-7 junior Lafayette Thrett (4.2 points and 6.9 rebounds a game) and 6-8 junior college transfer Dave Kragel.

Hopson also could be moved to forward if either of

two youthful big men come through. Tim Hund, a 6-11 junior, and 7-4 Lonnie Boeckman—college basketball's tallest player—will both be given a shot at trying to win starting jobs at center.

The backcourt could be the real strength of the Cowboy attack. K. C. Kincaide, a 6-4 senior, who matured into one of the Big Eight's top guards, and slick Ronnie Daniels, are a tough combination.

Kincaide averaged 15.5 points and hit a single game high of 28 against Missouri. Daniels, a 5-10 sophomore, came on strong after experiencing early season shooting problems. He averaged 12.5.

Clark Maughan (2.1), Fred Stevenson (4.2), and Terry Carroll will serve as backup guards, while 6-9 Brent Dahle (2.7) is the other frontline reserve.

NEBRASKA

Nebraska coach Joe Cipriano will have to find ways to generate an offense if the Cornhuskers are to challenge for the Big Eight championship this season.

Only one player, 6-3 junior guard, Jerry Fort (18.0) averaged in double figures last year. Nebraska scored only 67 points a game and was last in offense in the Conference.

Fort, All-Big Eight, will likely be joined by either Ricky Marsh (8.7)—he made only 38 percent of his field goal attempts—or 5-11 junior college transfer Steve Willis. Kent Reckeway (1.7), a 6-0 senior is another possibility.

Cipriano will have to find a replacement for Brendy Lee, the team's leading rebounder. Steve Erwin, a 6-4 senior (6.7), started at forward in all but one game last year, so he appears to be a certain starter again. The other position is up for grabs among 6-7 sophomore Ricky Harris (5.2), 6-6 sophomore Bob Siegel (4.3), 6-9 sophomore Mark Enright (3.1), 6-10 sophomore Ron Taylor (8.8) or 6-6 Juco transfer Ernie Martin. Larry Cox, a 6-6 junior (7.0) is the likely center.

Nebraska was third in the Big Eight in defense last year. The Cornhuskers held their opponents to 68.4 points a game. Much of the success on defense and the lack of scoring offense can be attributed to the Cornhusker methodical style of play.

Among the new recruits are 6-1 Eric Coard, 6-4 Terry Novak and 6-8 Curt Hedberg, none of whom figure to play prominent roles.

IOWA STATE

With the recent double graduation of Robert Wilson and West Harris, the team's top two rebounders and the No. 2 and No. 3 scorers, coach Maury John must find two dependable starting forwards if Iowa State is going to challenge for Big Eight honors.

The Cyclone coach has a number of possibilities. However, much depends on what happens at center. Last year 6-10 Craig DeLoss (8.6) and 6-9 Larry Loots (8.4) shared the position. But 6-10 sophomore Alex Mazeika could win the job. If that happens DeLoss and Loots would be available for forward duties.

John certainly won't be hurting for size on the front line. He recruited 6-7 Art Johnson, one of the top junior college players in the nation last year. And returning are 6-7 sophomore Steve Burgason (1.4), 6-6 junior Mike Benjamin (2.6), 6-7 sophomore Dale Smith along with 6-7 freshman Jim Murphy.

The backcourt will feature Hercle "Poison" Ivy, the "Newcomer of the Year" in the Big Eight last season. Ivy, a 6-3 junior, led the Cyclones with a 16.9 average and earned mention on several All-Conference teams.

Jeff Branstetter, a 6-0 junior (2.9), will be given first shot at the other guard spot. Incoming freshman 6-2 Tom Norman could inject himself into the picture as could John John, son of the coach. Tony Jernigan, who averaged better than 15 points a game with the JVs, is another hopeful.

KANSAS STATE

The departure of all five starters definitely marks 1974-75 as a rebuilding year for Kansas State's basketball team.

Coach Jack Hartman's Wildcats finished 19-8 overall and were runnersup in the Big Eight Con-

ference last season. But gone are Lon Kurger (17.6), Larry Williams (14.1), Gene McVey (9.3), Danny Beard (9.2) and Dean Harris (7.4).

Four graduated, while Harris, a freshman a year ago, was killed in a tragic automobile accident last May.

Hartman will have six lettermen on hand. But only three saw much action a year ago.

Best of the veterans could be 6-2 junior guard Chuckie Williams, a former first team prep All-America. He averaged 5.3 points and exhibited some of the form in the closing games which could make him one of the premier players in the Conference.

He'll be joined in the backcourt by either 6-1 sophomore Jim Molinari (1.2) or Bernard Robinson, who was ineligible last season for academic reasons.

Carl Gerlach, a 6-9 junior, scored at a seven point norm as a backup center. He's won the position on a full-time basis this year.

Doug Snider, a 6-4 junior and a top reserve (4.9) figures to be one forward. The other spot is likely to be taken over by highly touted 6-6 sophomore Darryl Winston, who averaged 16.5 points with the JVs.

COLORADO

Transfers, redshirts and the most talented freshman recruits since the late 1960s may determine the ultimate success for Colorado's basketball team this season.

Coach Sox Walseth, beginning his 19th season with the Buffaloes, must replace four starters, including All-Conference forward, Scott Wedman, who was a first round pro draft pick. Wedman averaged 20 points a game last year.

The only returnee is 6-5 junior David Logan and he might not be available until mid-season, depending on how the Colorado football team does. Logan is an All-American end and could be playing as late as New Year's Day. A versatile performer, Logan averaged 15.9 points and 6.7 rebounds a game in 1973-74.

Two other players—6-4 senior guard Tony Lawrence and 6-7 senior center Ron Wrigley—saw action last year as top reserves. Lawrence hit for 6.8 points, while Wrigley scored 5.3 points and pulled down 4.8 rebounds on the average.

Wrigley could be moved to forward if 6-11 senior Fred McDonald is healthy. McDonald was hampered much of last season with ankle problems.

The Buffaloes are also counting on 6-8 Indiana transfer Mike Miller, along with frosh recruits 6-8 Larry Vaculik—a prep All-American—6-4 Alvin Berry, and redshirts 6-5 forward Lewis Burns, 6-7 Greg Miller, and 6-5 guard Jim Cummins.

MISSOURI

Missouri coach Norm Stewart faces a massive rebuilding job following the loss of his two leading scorers, one of whom is All-Big Eight forward, Al Eberhard, a first round NBA draft selection.

Nine lettermen are back, but for the most part they are inexperienced. Only Steve Dangos, a 6-1 senior guard, was a full time regular. He averaged 14.3 points, third best on the club.

Gail Wolf, a 6-11 senior, who averaged 5.0 points and 3.2 rebounds as a part time starter at center returns. He'll have to hold off the challenge of 6-6 senior Bill Flamank (6.0 points and 5.9 rebounds). Flamank may also be used at forward.

Two other candidates for the vacant forward positions are 6-8 sophomore Kim Anderson, who averaged 20 points and 11.9 rebounds with the JVs, and 6-6 sophomore Jim Kennedy (2.2).

Ron Pexa, a 6-7 junior (1.7) and Rocky Copley, a 6-8 sophomore, will provide reserve help up front.

Two of Stewart's sophomores, 6-3 Jeff Currie (1.1) and 6-1 Scott Simms, will battle junior college transfer, 6-2 Willie Smith and incoming freshman, 6-1 Dave Stallman for the open guard job.

Rounding out the square are 6-6 sophomore Danny Van Rheen, 6-5 sophomore Dick Buxton, 6-3 sophomore Brian Hochevar, 6-4 junior Mark Anderson and 6-5 freshman Ken Pollitz.



CHUCKIE WILLIAMS
Kansas State



JERRY FORT
Nebraska



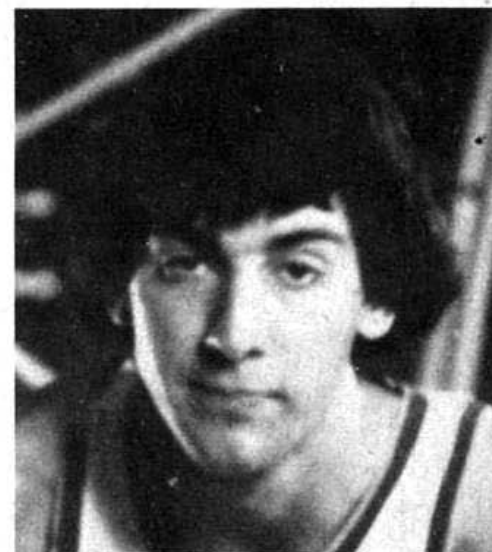
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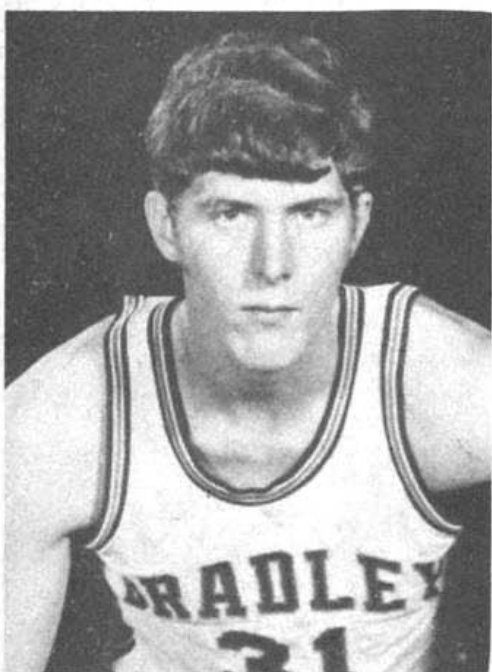
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RICHARD ROBINSON
N. Mexico



RON CALDWELL
Drake



BILL BUNTON
Louisville



BOBBY IVERSON
N. Tex. St.

LOUISVILLE

Louisville, loaded with superb talent, should make a run at the national championship this year. The Cardinals have 12 returning lettermen off a 21-7 team, including four starters.

Also rejoining the club will be Bill Bunton, who averaged 8.9 points and 10.6 rebounds while sharing the center spot two years ago. He missed the 1973-74 campaign with scholastic difficulties.

The returning starters are led by the duo of Junior Bridgeman and Allen Murphy. Bridgeman was named Missouri Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year while averaging 16.4 points. Murphy led the Cardinals in scoring with 16.6 points.

Playmaker Terry Howard, who paced the club in assists with 108, returns and will join Bridgeman in the backcourt. He scored at a 5.3 clip.

Wesley Cox, a sensation as a freshman, will be moved to forward to make room for Bunton—or possibly 6-9 freshman Ricky Gallon. Cox averaged 14.1 points as a freshman.

Top reserves include Danny Brown (7.6) and Billy Harmon, both sophomores. Ike Whitfield and Tony Kinnaid. Phillip Bond, a letterman two years ago, also returns after missing a campaign due to mononucleosis.

BRADLEY

Bradley was the surprise team of the country last year. Picked to finish low in the Missouri Valley, the Braves grabbed second and went on to receive a post season bid to the Collegiate Commissioner's Tournament.

The surprise element is gone now and so is the Braves' bench. Bradley lost one great starter in Seymour Reed and six other seniors.

Back are four starters: 6-9 senior Mark Dohner who was all-CCA and averaged more than 21-ppg in his last six games of this past season; 6-5 center Greg Smith who will be a junior and led the team in scoring, was all-Lobo and all-MVC; 6-0 Jim Caruthers who will be a junior, was all-MVC and frosh-of-the year in the Valley two years ago; and 5-10 Tom Les who was all-MVC and the greatest hustler to come along since Minnesota Fats. Les is a real driving force for the Braves.

Freshmen will play a most important role at Bradley this next season as will 6-7 Mike Davis who became eligible at mid-year after transferring in from a junior college—Southeastern of Iowa at Burlington. Davis will probably open at the other forward spot.

NORTH TEXAS STATE

A year ago North Texas State came close to having an exceptional record. However, the Mean Green lost seven games by margins of four points or less and wound up 13-13.

Nine lettermen, headed by All-American forward Bob Iverson are back. Coach Gene Robbins has the talent to mount a challenge at defending champion Louisville.

A 6-7 senior and a three-year starter, Iverson led the club with a scoring average of 21.1 and was second in rebounding (10.1). He shot .493 from the floor.

All four guards return. Tony Wright (10.0) and Earl King (11.9) had most of the starting assignments, but Carl Jones (10.7) and Larry Spruiell (5.8) logged considerable playing time.

The fourth starter was either 6-10 Kim Tate in the middle or 6-3½ Dwight Mitchell at forward (with the departed Stan Blackmon at center). Glenn Buntin and Phillip Sewell had mainly backup roles at guard and forward, respectively.

Robbins is counting on 6-6 Juco transfer Joe Pride to provide help on the boards. Last year he was the No. 1 rebounder in the Junior College ranks (22.9) while scoring 21.7.

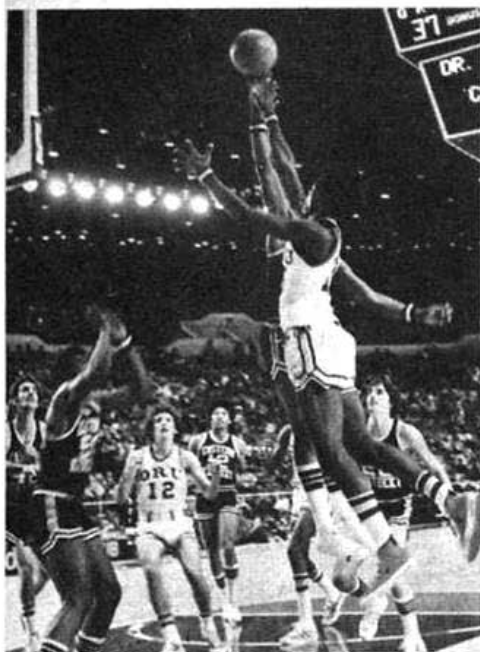
NEW MEXICO STATE

Although New Mexico State returns 10 men from a 14-11 team, for the first time since 1966 the Aggies

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MIDLANDS

INDEPENDENTS



WILLIE COLLINS
Oral Roberts



DUANE FOX
Oral Roberts



HERB GILKEY
Oklahoma City U.

ORAL ROBERTS

Oral Roberts lost three of its top four scorers and a head coach from last year's 23-6 team.

New mentor Jerry Hale must fill three starting positions and there's plenty of available talent to handle the chore.

Al Boswell, a 6-5 senior who averaged 18.4 points a game for the Titans, will be teamed with 6-3 Junior College transfer Arnold Dugger, considered by many as one of the best players in the nation. Dugger should more than make up for the loss of Sam McCants (24.0).

Duane Fox, a 6-7 senior forward, will team with either 6-6 John Patterson or 6-5 sophomore Anthony Roberts at the corners. Fox hit for 10.6 points and

grabbed 7.1 rebounds. Roberts had a sensational post season tournament.

The center job will fall to either 6-8 Willis Collins (3.2) or 6-9 Juco transfer Harold Johnson.

Jeff Holtgrewe, a 6-1 All State guard from Iowa, will join holdovers Ken Robinson, Bill Frederick, Vince Bank, Alvin Scott, Eddie Calbart and David Tucker as reserve.

CREIGHTON

There is considerable hope tempered by several question marks as new coach Tom Apke approaches the 1974-75 season.

There's plenty of top notch talent available from the 23-7 NCAA team of a year ago, and Apke had an excellent recruiting year.

Heading the returnees are 6-8 senior forward-center Doug Brookins, who averaged 14 points and 6.9 rebounds, along with 6-4 senior guard Charles Butler (6.3).

Seven foot junior center Mike Heck is back after averaging 8.4 points.

Others who logged playing time were 6-5 senior guard Tom Anderson (2.7), 6-5 sophomore forward Cornell Smith (2.6) and 6-8 senior center Wayne Groves (2.8).

Incoming freshmen could hold the ultimate key to the success of the Bluejays. Coach Apke's first recruit was younger brother, Rich Apke, 6-7 Player-of-the-Year in Cincinnati. Also signed were 6-7 Tim McConnell, 6-5 Paul Kinkins and 5-11 Jerry Newell, the leading scorer in the Chicago Catholic League.

ST. LOUIS

St. Louis has left the Missouri Valley Conference for the growing ranks of independents. New coach Randy Albrecht returns eight lettermen from a 9-16 team.

The keys to the attack are 6-8 Bill Morris, an All-MVC performer who averaged 17 points and 11 rebounds a game at center, and 6-3 sophomore guard Leartha Scott, who came on strong the second half of the season to finish with a 12.4 norm.

Lettermen Lewis McKinney, Steve Walsh, Steve Craig and Eric Jones should shore up the forward area which was weak a year ago. McKinney averaged 10.5 points and seems set.

Backing up Morris at center will be 6-9 Robin Jones (11.8), trying to recover from knee surgery, and 6-9 sophomore Marshall Hill.

Returning starter Jim Hackmann should provide the leadership in the backcourt where he chipped in with 10 points a game. Ken Loddeke, a Juco transfer, figures to be a top reserve with Bill Moulder, Pierre Blaine, Mike Newbold and John Furr expected to log playing time.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Last year at this time, Oklahoma City's chances of posting a winning season would have been astronomical. Still, with eight top players gone, new coach Paul Hansen took his team to a 13-13 mark.

And now many of the players who were young and learning a season ago are veterans with experience.

Returning to spearhead the chiefs will be 6-10 junior center John Powell, who came on strong after becoming eligible at mid term. He finished with 12.5 points and 13.3 rebounds.

Top returning scorer is 5-11 senior guard Herb Gilkey (13.2). Joining him at guard will be 6-1 sophomore Clydell Tucker (6.1).

At forward the Chiefs will have 6-5 senior Jim Grace. 6-4½ Burnus Boyland and 6-5 junior Sidney Gracey, who was red-shirted last year.

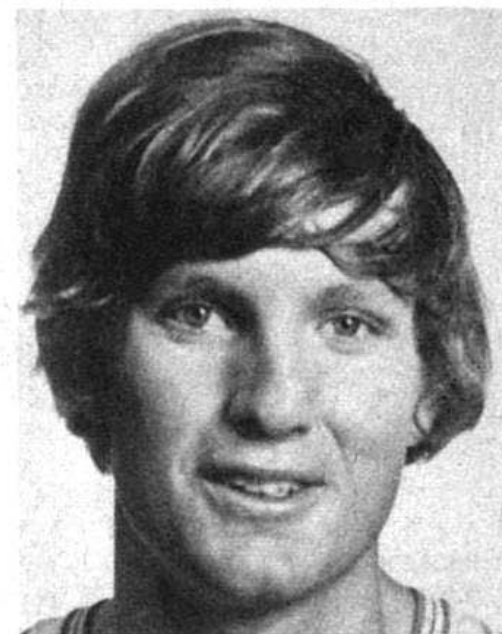
Newcomers who figure to help are 6-10 Lawrence "Spider" Wilson, a junior college standout, and freshmen Jonathan Manning, Dave Sykora and Mike Davis.



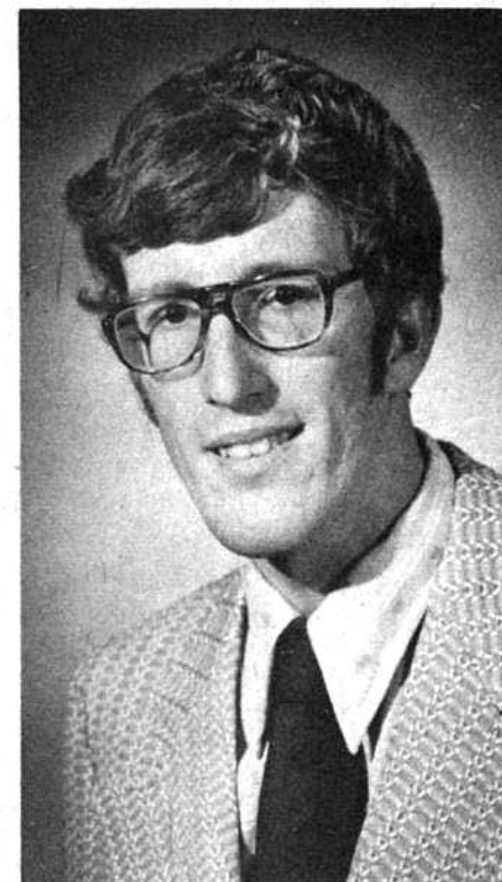
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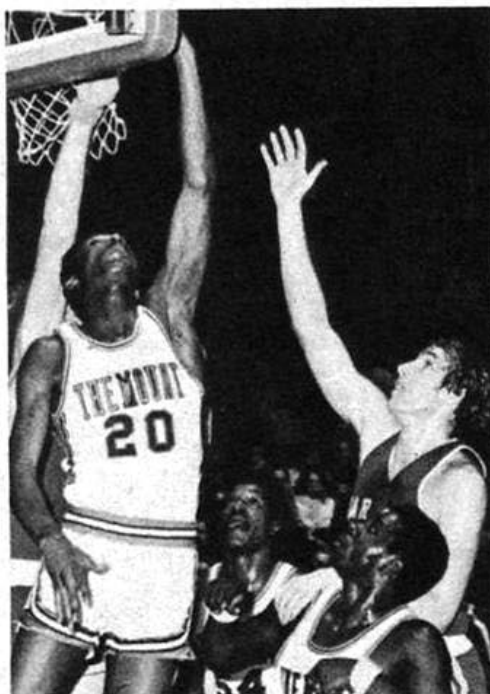
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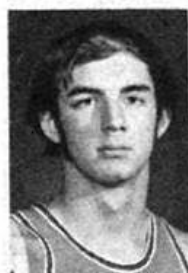
TOM GRIFFIN
Wartburg



RICK NISSEN
South Dakota



Stan Heath (20), a 6-1 senior, is one reason Mount Marty is district title threat.



RICH NIKELS
Wartburg



JIM GOODRICH
North Dakota



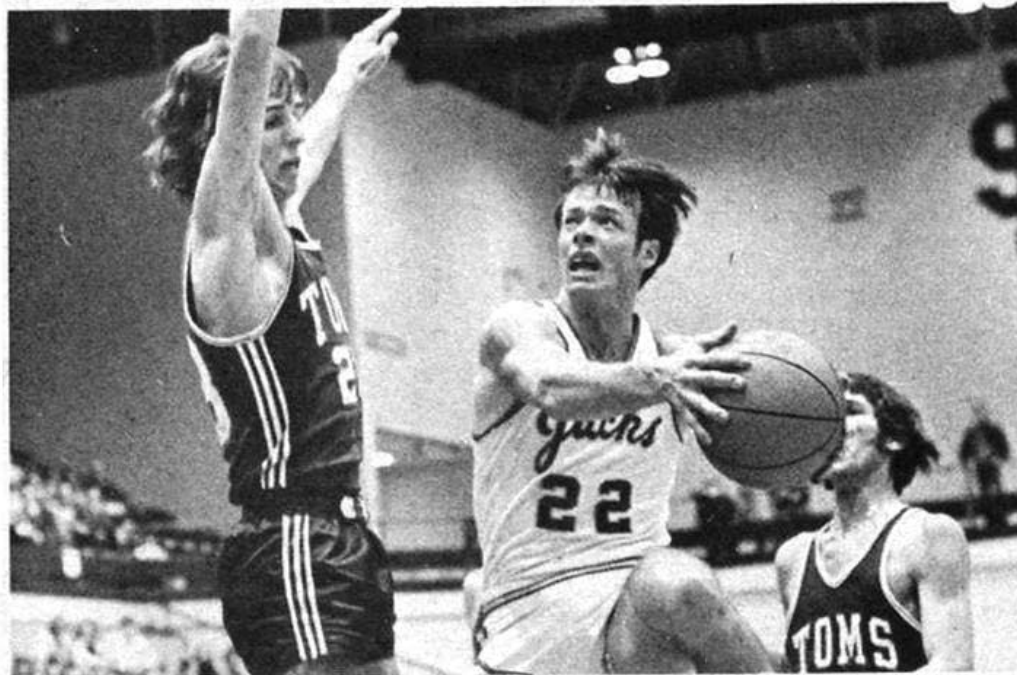
RON WIBLEMO
South Dakota



ROY JONES
North Dakota



JOE MUETING
South Dakota



South Dakota State should be strong at the guard spot with veteran Ron Wibleno (22).



STEVE SALADINO
North Dakota State



SYLVESTER CUYLER
Marymount



MARK GIBBONS
North Dakota State



MARK EMERSON
North Dakota State

NORTH DAKOTA

Few accorded North Dakota much of a chance last year, but the relatively young Fighting Sioux showed class and posted a 21-8 mark, winning the North Central Conference.

Nine returning lettermen, seven of whom saw considerable action, will be joined by a junior college transfer and two North Dakota all state prep players.

The four starters back are forwards 6-4 Don Gunhus (13.9) and 6-6 Bob Eaglestaff (9.7) and guards 5-5 Ray Jones (7.2) and 5-10 Rick Fischer (8.0). Jim Goodrich, who hit for 14.9 points, is a solid backcourt reserve, as are 6-4 Tom Petrik (6.9) and John Thorpe (5.9).

Mark Lindahl, a 6-10 junior college transfer and 6-8 freshman Emry Koenig are leading candidates for the center post.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

South Dakota State will be undergoing a rebuilding year with only four lettermen back. An excellent group of recruits should temper the graduation losses somewhat.

The guard spots should be strong with Ron Wibleno, a 6-0 senior (5.6) and Mark Graham, a 6-0 sophomore (5.6).

Letterman George Schroeder, a 6-4 junior (10.1) is set at one corner with the other two spots likely to go to incoming frosh 7-0 prep All-American Brian Shanks and 6-10 Bob Ashley.

The Jacks hope to improve on last year's 11-12 overall record.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE

The outlook for North Dakota State is promising. The Bisons return all five starters from the team that was 17-9 overall.

Junior Steve Saladino, senior Mark Gibbons and junior Mark Emerson earned first team berths on the all-North Central Conference team and will be joined by Randy Trine and Lynn Kent. Warner Huss, a sophomore, is expected back after suffering injuries.

Bison coach Marv Skaar added some banner newcomers like 6-5 Ron Best, 6-4 Larry Canine, 6-3 Nelson Faulkner and 6-0 Larry Moore.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota started two freshmen and two sophomores last year enroute to an 11-14 mark.

The Coyotes are set at center. Joe Mueting earned all-conference honors last season, averaging 17 points and 10.8 rebounds. Ron Pedersen, a 6-3 sophomore and 6-6 Stan Galloway will be in the corners. They averaged 8.7 points and 11.6 points, respectively.

Rick Nissen, a 6-foot junior guard, who tossed in 14.4 points and passed out 136 assists—a school record—is set in the backcourt. He'll be joined by either letterman Mike Frey or freshman Gary Graner.

AUGUSTANA (S.D.)

Augustana enters the 1974-75 campaign with the remembrance of last year's narrow miss of a conference championship, when they ended up in a tie for second place in the North Central Conference.

The Vikings return 10 lettermen, which includes starters at every position.

Back at the guard spots are senior Neil Klutman, junior Jeff Wilber and sophomore Rich Chapman.

At the forward positions are seniors John Ritterbusch, Tom Mulso, Jeff McCarron and Scott Sandvig.

Davor Rukavina and Stan Krebs present a strong center combination. Rukavina, who was selected to the all-conference squad for the second straight year, averaged 18 points, 10.8 rebounds and hit on .516 of his field goal attempts.

MARYMOUNT

Tiny Marymount—only a few years ago an all female institution—rolled to another 20-victory season, but missed out on a bid to the NAIA championships.

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TOP 100

JIM WILLIAMSON
BOB MISEVICIUS
BRUCE CAMPBELL
BUTCH LEE
GEORGE JOHNSON
ALEX ELDRIDGE
BRAD DAVIS
CHRIS PATTEN
CHARLIE FLOYD
JACKIE GILLOON
KEVIN McDONALD
AL GREEN
MIKE RUSSELL
BERNARD KING
TOM HICKS
MELVIN BENNETT
DAVE BATTON
VIC SOARES
OLLIE HARPER
MARK IAVARONI
WHITEY RIGSBY
CHRIS POTTER
BILL TRUITT
HOLLIS COPELAND
REGGIE ROBINSON
DOUG SAYLOR
KEN CARR
DONALD WILLIAMS
KEITH HERRON
SKIP WISE
ROB WOODS
PHIL FORD
JACKIE GIVENS
MAURICE ROBINSON
CLAUDE TAYLOR
WAYNE BRACY
MIKE MITCHELL
STAN ROME
JACKIE DORSEY
MYLES PATRICK
LUCIAS FOSTER
ANTHONY FLANAGAN
RICK ROBEY
RON ANTHONY
MICHAEL THOMPSON
CECIL ROSE
RICK GALLON
JAMES LEE
PURVIS SHORT
KENNY HIGGS
COLON ABRAHAM
DAVE KOESTERS
ANTHONY MURRAY
GOLIE AUGUSTUS
STAN PIETKIEWICZ
BOB MILLER
CRAIG DAVIS
JOHN GUNN
MIKE JONES
TURONO ANDERSON
JAMES JACKSON
LARRY BOSTON
RANDY AYERS
MIKE PHILLIPS
GARY ROSENBERGER
JIM KRIVACS
TONY SMITH
CYRUS MANN
BILLY LEWIS
TERRY TYLER
AUDIE MATTHEWS
LARRY HARRIS
JEFF CARPENTER
BOBO JACKSON
STEVE COLLIER
DAVE CORZINE
WAYNE WALLS
JOHN LONG
KEN KOENIGS
TOM SCHULTZ
CHAD NELSON
MARK OLBERDING
JEFF HOLTGREWE
EARL EVANS
DEAN BLEVINS
MILT GIBSON
BRUCE HARDY
BRETT VROMAN
STEVE MALOVIC
PHIL TAYLOR
BUSTER MATHENY
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ERIC HOVEY
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Texas Tech.



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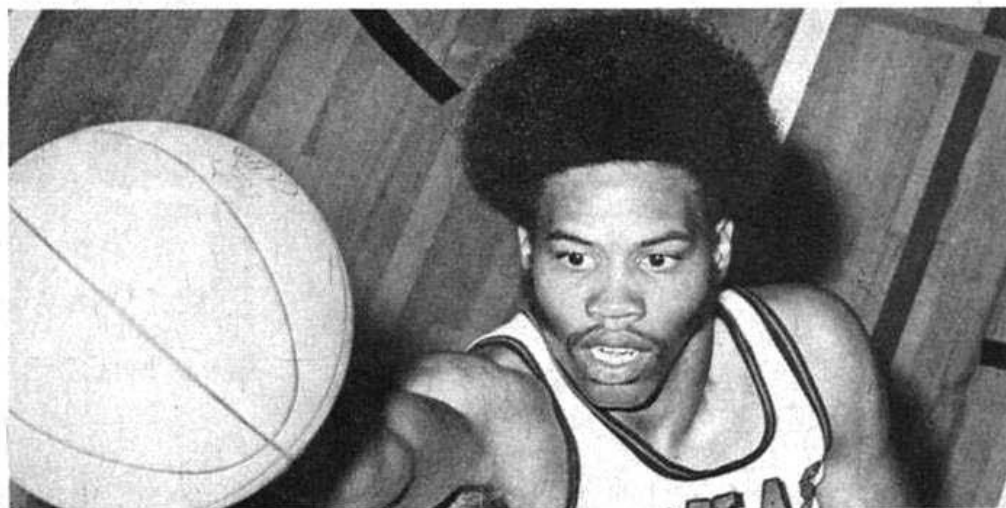
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Baylor



JOHN THORNTON
Texas A & M



RICKEY MEDLOCK
Arkansas



WILLIAM JOHNSON
Texas Tech.

TEXAS TECH

Texas Tech basketball coach Gerald Myers must come up with replacements for his starting guards if the Red Raiders hope to equal or better their 17-9 mark of a year ago.

Elsewhere, Tech returns its front line intact in the form of center Ricky Bullock and forwards William Johnson and Grady Newton.

Bullock, 6-9 and 240 pounds, averaged 21.4 points and 10.7 rebounds while earning All-SWC honors. A second team conference performer, Johnson hit for 16.2 points and grabbed 8.9 rebounds. Newton averaged 8.1 points as a sophomore.

The Red Raiders signed 6-6 Rudy Liggins, a Juco standout and he could figure along with returnees Steve Trncak, Grant Dukes, Kim McClintock and George Campbell.

A four player battle looms for the starting guard positions Phil Bailey, a 6-3 senior (7.5) is the best shooter. Bryan Mark, a 5-9 senior, is a superb ballhandler. Sophomores Keith Kitchens and Steve Dunn are also possibilities.

SMU

SMU returns four of the five starters from last year's team that finished with an eight game regular season winning streak to end with a 10-4 conference mark and second place in the Southwest Conference.

"The ultimate success of the team will depend on development of the backcourt," says coach Bob Prewitt. "Otherwise, we are well set."

To begin with, the Mustangs have Ira Terrell, a 6-8 junior forward who is the premier player in the Conference. Terrell was SMU's leading scorer with a 22.2 average and rebounder with a 12.9 average.

The other frontcourt veterans are 6-6 senior forward Oscar Roan—also a football standout—who averaged 5.3 points, and 6-8 senior center Rusty Bourquein (6.9 points and 5.6 rebounds).

Three freshmen, 6-7 Thines Robinson, 6-6 Jeff Swanson and 6-6 Joe Swedlund will compete with top reserve of a year ago, Jim Murphy (6.5).

John Sagehorn, a 6-3 senior, finished with a 5.5 average at guard. He was shooting only 19 percent going into the conference season. He finished at .427.

Returning squadmen Luther Robertson, Pete Lodwick, Joe Galindo, Bill Marcellus and Bob Arnold will vie with freshman recruit Jeff Ralph for the vacant position.

TEXAS A&M

With seven of the top eight players returning from a 15-11 team and six outstanding newcomers joining the squad, things look good for Texas A&M.

Among the returnees are three starters and a fourth who started regularly until sidelined by injury. The vets are 6-7 senior John Thornton (12.7), 6-8 senior Cedric Joseph (12.5) and 6-9 senior Jerry Mercer 10 Jesus (Chuy) Guerra, who averaged 14.4 points, se- (10.1). Joseph led the Aggies in rebounding with 9.3.

Guard Mike Floyd, a 5-10 senior was a starter as a sophomore, but was hampered by ankle injuries a year ago. Top reserves Ray Roberts, Webb Williams and Mike Johnson will battle for berths.

The newcomers are 6-6 junior Sonny Parker, 6-6 Barry Davis, 6-7 sophomore Steve Jones, 6-10 John Blackwell and 5-10 Gates Erwin—all junior college transfers, plus freshman 6-7 Doug Mezger.

Also contending for places on the squad will be 6-11 senior Bruce Ott, 6-1 junior Steve Chambers, 6-4 Leroy Baerwald, 6-4 junior Dale Donaldson and 6-6 junior Kim Wiatt.

TEXAS

Two of the key ingredients are gone, but coach Leon Black, who has produced two Southwest Conference championships in the past three years, has another contender at Texas.

Junior guard Dan Krueger, a mainstay in the Longhorns' 1974 season, and sophomore forward Ed Johnson, who was superb in the stretch drive, head the returnees, along with sophomore post man Rich Parson.

Five newcomers—two Texas high school all-stars and two California preps, plus a junior college standout—could figure highly in plans.

The newcomers are Mike Murphy and Gary Goodner—Texas—and Californians Mike Lien and Brett Taylor, plus Juco transfer Jeff Boothe.

Krueger averaged 10.7 points. He and Ed Johnson, who came in with 8.2 points, will have to fill the spots vacated by leading scorer Larry Robinson and veteran guard Harry Larrabee.

Tommy Weiler (6.7), Tyrone Johnson (5.5) and Bruce Baker (3.0) return as possibilities. Hank Bauerschlag, Pat McClellan and Tommy Delatour will be given shots at guard.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

With a number of experienced performers returning, including six who started at one time or another, Texas Christian should improve its 8-17 (2-12 in the Southwest Conference) record of a year ago.

"We'll definitely be better," says coach Johnny Swaim. "Our freshmen of two seasons ago are now experienced hands and Lynn Royal—the team MVP in 1972-73—appears to be fully recuperated from his eye operation."

Royal averaged 16.2 points and 7.6 rebounds, both team highs, as a yearling and he's a certain starter at one of the post positions. Wayne Wayman, MVP in 1974 with 10.3 points and 8.2 rebounds, will battle junior college transfer 6-7 Tom Bledsoe for the other position.

At the other frontcourt spot it will be either 6-4 senior Ted Jones (10.6) or 6-6 junior Gary Landers (11.0).

Eddy Fitzhugh (2.2) and Alonzo Harris (8.7) were part time starters in the backcourt and now they'll assume fulltime roles. Richard Johnson, a transfer, could help the ballhandling situation.

In addition, Swaim recruited three freshman guards—Larry Harris, Robert Hollie and Dirk Hoyt.

BAYLOR

Baylor, with 12 members of the squad either freshmen or sophomores, will have a young inexperienced team and will be hard pressed to match the 12-13 mark of last season.

The Bears return five lettermen, but lost Charlie McKinney, the leading rebounder in the Southwest Conference (10th nation).

Gary McGuire, a 6-10 sophomore, who averaged 9.2 points and 8.5 rebounds, figures to remain a starter, with the other two spots up for grabs among lettermen 6-5 Jim Weaver (4.2) and Tom Hutchison (2.9) plus newcomers 6-9 Tony Rufus, 6-9 Jay Downs, 6-5 Arthur Edwards, and 6-8 Craig Bishop. Best bets are Rufus, leading scorer in Tennessee last year and Texas All-Stater Edwards.

Other possibilities are Jeff Miller, Charles Bassett, Bill Carlisle and Sherman Patton.

Tom Corley (8.7) appears set as one guard. Letterman Tom Wilkins, Jon Coulter, up from the JVs, and recruits Maurice Callis and Danny McDaniel, will battle for the other spot.

RICE

Rice's new basketball coach Bob Polk inherits some veteran talent off a club which was 11-17 last year and 5-9 in the Southwest Conference.

Five full or part time starters return including the second, third and fourth leading scorer.

Tim Moriary, a 6-6 forward, averaged 13.2 points and was second on the team in assists. Junior guard Charles Daniels, scored at a 10.7 norm while 6-7 forward Danny Carrol scored at a 10.0 clip.

Pat Meyers, returning from knee surgery, also started for the Owls, averaging 5.6 on "bad wheels". Howard Laidlaw also saw time (3.5).

Other returnees include 5-11 Mark Keitel (3.7), 6-2 Chuck Saus (4.2), 6-3 Jeff Tunnell (5.0) and 6-7 Dwight Whitson (3.0).

Rice signed six frosh, including prep All-America 6-



ALVAN ADAMS
Oklahoma

6 Frank Jackson, who averaged 24 points as a high school senior.

Also signed were 6-8 Dave Louwerse, 6-4 Doug Nalley, 6-1 Alan Reynolds, 6-1 James Simmons and 6-7 Ed Nickols.

ARKANSAS

Arkansas begins the season with new coach Eddie Sutton. However, the Razorbacks lost leading scorer and rebounder, Dean Tolson, plus three-year starter Dennis White.

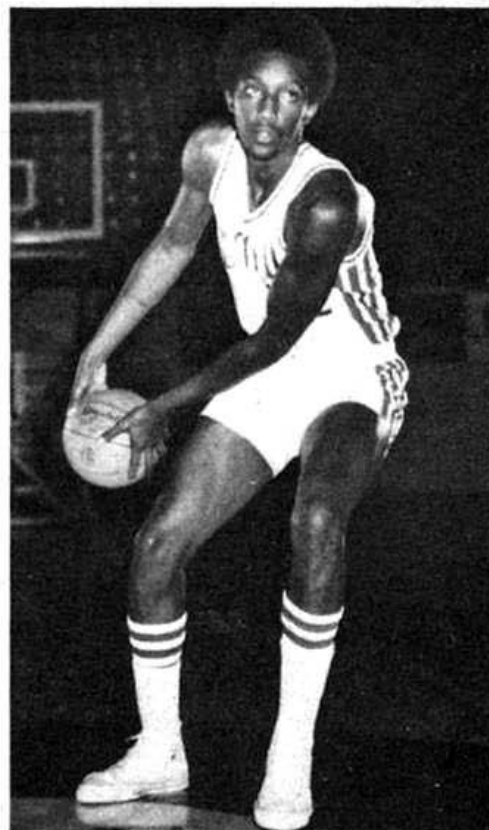
The Razorbacks return starters Rickey Medlock and Robert Birden at guard, and part time regulars Jack Schulte and Danny Pauley at the high post.

Medlock was the team's second leading scorer with a 16.2 average. Schulte scored 11.3, Birden 7.7 and Pauley averaged 7.7 points.

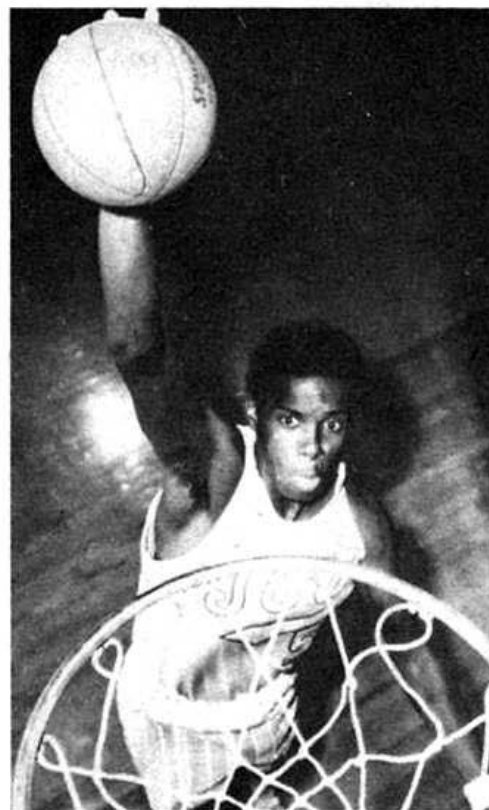
A couple of freshmen, 6-7 Jim Counce and 6-8 Tom Maxwell, along with letterman 6-7 Curtis Drake are other frontcourt candidates.

"We're going to emphasize defense and attempt to lower the opponents scoring averages of the past few years (89.0 last season)," says Sutton, who enjoyed tremendous success at Creighton.

In the backcourt, the Razorbacks will have letterman Steve Price (2.6) plus 6-5 Juco transfer Charles Terry and 6-4 freshman Marvin Delph to contend for playing time.



IRA TERRELL
Southern Methodist



LYNN ROYAL
Texas Christian



IRA TERRELL
Southern Methodist

SOUTHWEST

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

LOUISIANA TECH

New coach Emmett Hendricks inherits a group of talented, young players. Still Louisiana Tech is under probation by the NCAA so it will all be a matter of proving something during the regular season.

Heading the returnees is All-Conference guard Barney Banks (15.1). He'll team with Mike McConathy (12.4).

The situation is good at forward with 6-7 Lanky Wells (9.5 points and 5.0 rebounds) and 6-7 Dennis Seidenschwarz (8.2). Al Forney who was out last year, could help the situation, too.

The key to Tech's success will be the play of 6-10 Mike Martin who is being counted on to fill the center spot.

LAMAR TECH

Three junior college transfers are being counted on to revitalize Lamar's basketball program. Last year, the club finished 6-19, dropping the final 12 games.

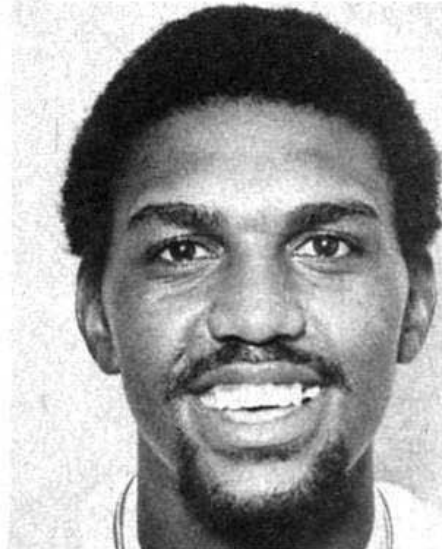
The transfers who figure to step right in are Henry Jones, Monty Jones and Stacy Bertrand.

Coach Jack Martin has a real gem in 6-8 Al Nickson, who didn't start until mid-year and wound up earning All-Conference honors. Jim Nowicki, a letterman, will have to fight to earn a starting job.

Veteran guard Bob Battle is being counted on to run the offense.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON

A couple of months ago, things looked promising for Texas-Arlington. Then, starting forward 6-7



EDMOND LAWRENCE
McNeese State

Michael Long (15.7 points and 8.1 rebounds) and likely center, 6-11 Robert Jammer, transferred.

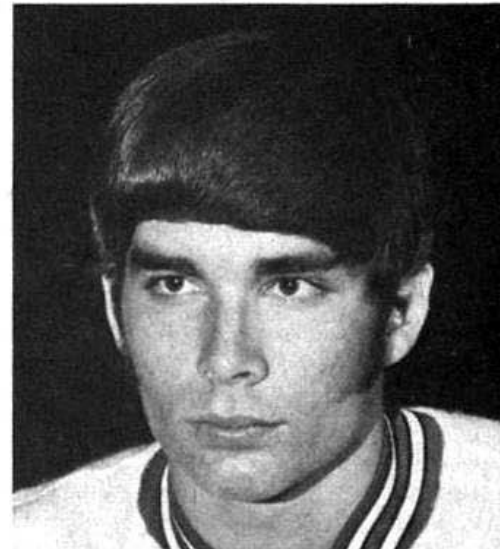
Now, the possibility of improving on the 7-18 mark of a year ago is in doubt. The offense will be keyed around 6-6 forward Jerry Johnson (13.4 points and 9.5 rebounds).

There are a couple of good guards—Freeman Sparks and James Hunter—while forward 6-7 Harry Dickhaner should move into the lineup.

McNEESE STATE

E.W. Foy assumes command of the McNeese State basketball program this year after having built Southeastern Louisiana into a Division II powerhouse.

Among last year's top teams (20-5), the Cowboys will be striving for national recognition and have eight lettermen returning including the top two scorers.



J.H. WILLIAMS
Arkansas State

Henry Ray, a 6-3 senior, is back as the leading scorer (18.3), while 7-1 junior Edmond Lawrence averaged 17.5 points, a team high of 11.1 rebounds and he blocked 85 shots in 25 contests.

Other lettermen returning are 6-1 guard Bertel Reder (15.2), 6-3 forward Glen Hanks (2.9), 6-1 guard Jeff Schweitzer, 5-9 guard Byron Gibbs, 6-3 guard Gary Thibodeaux and 6-6 forward Don Schmitt.

ARKANSAS STATE

The Arkansas State Indians may run into a few stumbling blocks trying to match their accomplishments of a year ago when the club was 17-8, third best mark in history.

The big headache is finding a replacement for 6-9
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SOUTHWEST

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ROBERT PARISH
Centenary



J.H. WILLIAMS
Arkansas State

HOUSTON

With three of the top four scorers and rebounders returning from a 17-9 team, plus the addition of an All-America prep guard, Houston has a shot at being a Top 10 team.

Louis Dunbar, a 6-9 guard-forward (that's right!) returns along with starters 6-3 sophomore guard Otis Birdsong and 6-10 senior center Maurice Presley. Two other part time starters, 6-8 junior David Marrs and 6-2 senior Ed Riska will also be back.

Dunbar was the team leader in scoring (21.7), second in assists (4.5) and third in rebounding (8.5). Presley was the team leader in rebounding (10.1) and fourth in scoring (14.2). Birdsong hit for 14.3 per game.



MAURICE PRESLEY
Houston



DON SCAIFE
Arkansas State



BARRY McLEOD
Centenary

Marrs was fourth in rebounding (6.7) and sixth in scoring (9.3). Riska averaged 3.1 points.

Tony Smith, who scored at a 24-point per game norm and was a unanimous first team prep All-American, will move into a starting job in the backcourt. Other top recruits are 6-9 Frank Ross, 6-5 Dennis Tealer, 6-7 Michael Thompson, 6-4 Cecil Rose and 6-3 Jerrel Sheffield.

Houston is not eligible for the SWC title.

CENTENARY

Centenary continues to be on indefinite probation, which prohibits the team from competing in post-season competition. That probation won't stop the scouts from visiting Shreveport, La., because the



Versatile Louis Dunbar plays guard and forward for Houston. He is team's top scorer.

Gents have in 7-1 junior Robert Parrish, one of the finest big men in the country.

Parrish slacked off in his scoring (19.9) last year, but showed better all-around play. He averaged 15.3 rebounds and hit 523 of his field goal attempts.

Teaming up front with Parrish will be 6-5 Leon "Black Magic" Johnson, who hit for 19.2 points a game (7.7 rebounds) and 6-7 Cal Smith (6.2). Smith saw action at both forward and as a backup to Parrish last season.

At the guards coach Larry Little will have 6-0 Barry McLeod, an excellent perimeter shooter who hit for 9.5 points a game, and 6-2 sophomore Nate Bland. The latter worked his way up from the JVs to a reserve role and finally a starting berth the last two games of the year. He averaged 10.7 points.

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SOUTHWEST

SMALLER SCHOOLS



RICK CALHOUN
Texas A & I



MIKE FITZHUGH
S.W. Texas State



JEFF ST. CLAIR
Texas A & I



RANDY LEASLEY
Tartleton



CELESTER COLLIER
S.W. Texas State



FAROLD JACKSON
Tartleton



Gary Tomaszewski is among nine lettermen back at St. Mary's. He's top rebounder.

TEXAS A&I

Texas A&I University basketball coach Don McDonald will have only two returning lettermen around which to build his 1974-75 Javelina Basketball team.

The returning lettermen are Jeff St. Clair, 6-5 senior rebounding ace who compiled an average of 11 rebounds and 15.6 points per game, and Rick Calhoun, 6-6 forward.

Among the signees are 6-5 forward Mike Mosenson, 5-8 guard Kenny Kasper, 5-10 guard Ronnie Norrell, and 6-4 forward Eric Harper.

HOWARD VAYNE

The Yellow Jackets of Howard Payne College will be sporting a new look this season with a new coaching staff and only one starter returning.

Scheduled back are 6-4 senior forward Scott Stephens who averaged 6.6 points last season, 6-6 sophomore postman Terry Davis, 6-1 guard Randy Grisham, 6-7 freshman and redshirt postman Nate McDonald, 6-2 guard Don Bradley, 6-2 junior Richard Herbst, and 5-9 senior Norman Tinkler.

EAST TEXAS STATE

With starters returning at both guards and forwards, East Texas State basketball coach Jim Gudger hopes to see an improved team, "if for nothing else but a year's experience."

Leading scorers O'Neal Tarrant (23.2) and Hugo Cabrera (12.1) will be back at the guards.

Leading rebounder Nate Granger (10.8 and 19.7 points) will be joined at the forward position by freshman teammate Pat Laue.

The inside track at center goes to 6-8 sophomore David Laurence.

ST. MARY'S

The Rattlers will have nine of 11 lettermen returning off the 1973-74 team that went 24-9 en route to placing fourth in the national NAIA tournament at Kansas City.

Leading the returnees is 6-5 Gary Tomaszewski, who was St. Mary's second leading scorer (16.9) and top rebounder (10.3).

Two others who counted in double figures also return. They are 6-9 Dave Bulik (10.3) and 6-7 Robert Taylor (10.5). Playmaker guard George Harris will also start.

The Rattlers will have a seasoned squad with seven men in their senior year.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN

Coach Willard Tate will see the return of his top five scorers and has added some talented newcomers to help the Wildcats through the new season.

Heading the list of returnees is 6-7 senior Andrew Prince who averaged 22.1 points and 15.3 rebounds a game last season. The other three starters returning are 5-9 junior guard Jeremiah James (13.4), 6-2 senior guard Paul Palmer (9.8), and 6-8½ senior forward Mark Hayes (10.9 ppg. and 8.6 rbp).g.

ACC was 14-15 last season and is hoping to get a tournament bid this season.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

Seven lettermen return and Coach Vernon McDonald will look to a strong redshirt crop for a lot of help toward another share of the Lone Star Conference title.

Best of the returnees is 6-3 guard/forward Celester Collier a senior captain and last year's no. 3 scorer with an 11.3 average.

Guard Mike Fitzhugh (6-2) also started last year and averaged 8.5 ppg. Eric Bartlett, a 6-8 sophomore who played in every game last year, could start. Steve Frontz (6-10) and Ulig (6-5) could be the best of the redshirts.

SWT posted a 19-12 record last season.

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O'Neal Tarrant (10) of E. Texas State is fine defensive player and has 23.2 avg.



SCOTT STEPHENS
Howard Payne



MARK HAYES
Abilene Christian



ANDREW PRINCE
Abilene Christian



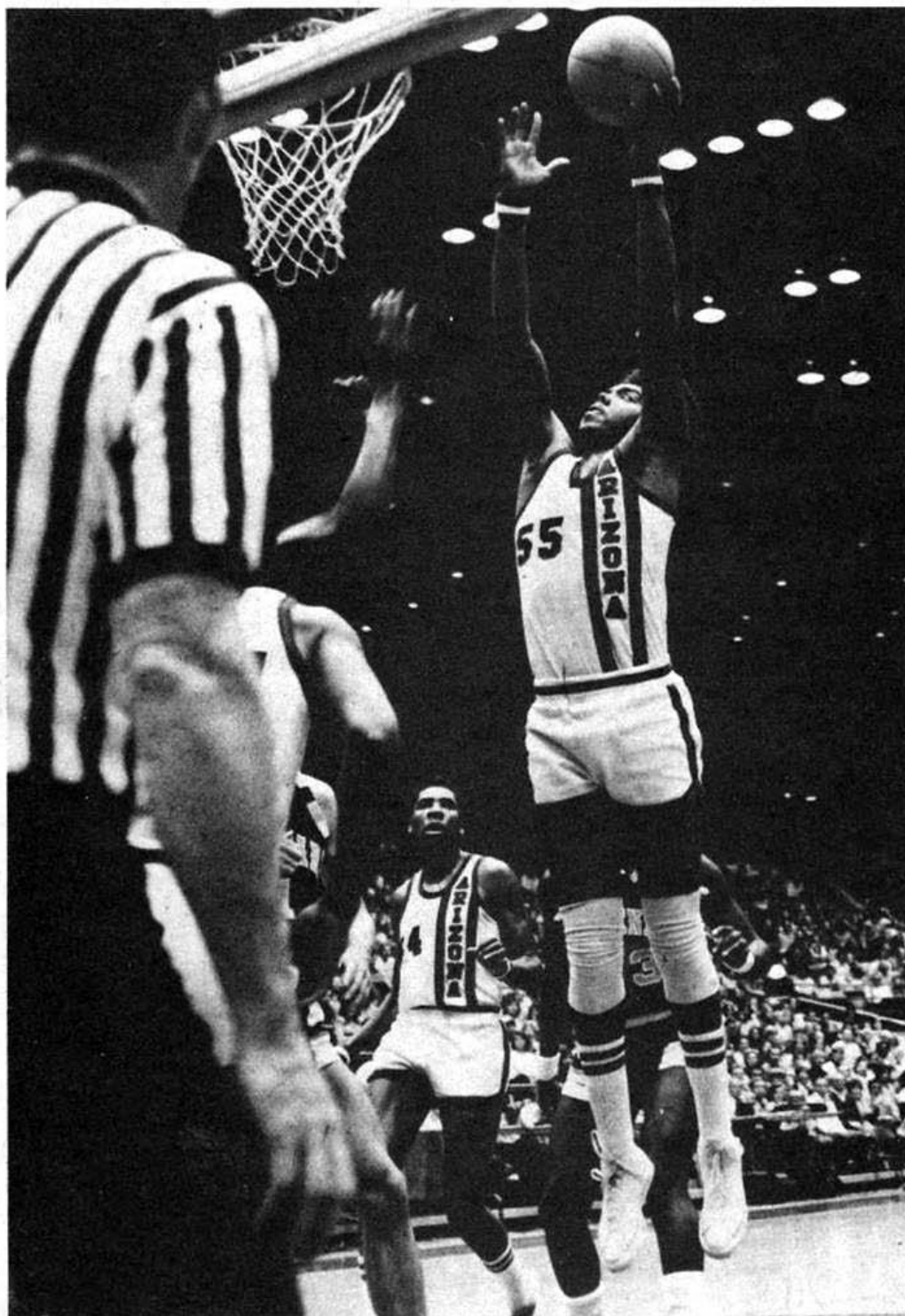
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Howard Payne



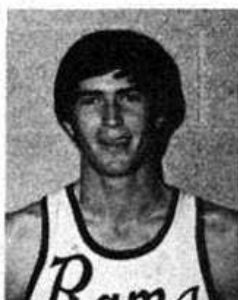
Jeff St. Clair compiled average of 11 rebounds a game for Texas A & I University.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS

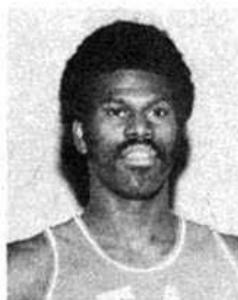
WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



Bob Elliott is coming off top frosh year at Arizona. He averaged 10.7 rebounds.



TIM HALL
Colorado State



LUTHER BURDEN
Utah



BILL HAGINS
New Mexico



SCOTT LLOYD
Arizona State

ARIZONA

Because his team was so deep in talent, Arizona coach Fred Snowden may still win the Western Athletic Conference championship despite the loss of his top two scorers through early departures to the pro ranks.

With Coniel Norman and Eric Money gone, a great deal of the production should now fall upon 6-8 junior Al Fleming and 6-10 sophomore Bob Elliott.

Among the eight returning lettermen, Elliott and Fleming have the best stats. Elliott averaged 16.5 points and 10.7 rebounds as a freshman. Fleming, a forward, hit for 12.7 points and had grabbed 10 rebounds.

Herman Harris, a talented 6-5 sophomore, who scored at a 7.6 norm will be in the starting lineup somewhere. Depending on how things work out, Harris will play either forward or guard.

Other possibilities for the frontcourt are 6-10 sophomore Bob Aleska, 6-5 sophomore Len Gordy, 6-8 sophomore Jermon Gladney, and 6-7 freshman Phil Taylor. The playing guard figures to be 6-2 junior Rapis (4.6).

ARIZONA STATE

Arizona State coach Ned Wulk always manages to come up with the right combination and this year's team figures to be in the thick of the Western Athletic Conference race.

Last year the Sun Devils were 19-8 (9-5 in league play) and lost four players who saw considerable action.

A lot of the inside pressure will rest on the shoulders of 6-11 Scott Lloyd, who averaged 9.5 points and 5.8 rebounds. Wulk looks to lettermen Jack Schrader, Gary Jackson and Nate Drayton, JVs performer Erroy Bing and redshirts John Lamb, Greg White and Ken Wright to more than fill the bill.

The guard line is solid with the return of All-America candidate 6-3 senior Lionel Hollins (17.3) and 6-2 senior Mike Moon (9.4). Rudy White is back after sitting out last season with injuries and letterman Tom Day is expected to help out.

Wulk feels that his club will pick up another bonus this season when the ultra modern 14,227-seat University Activity Center is opened.

UTAH

Basketball at Utah hit a high note last year when the team finished 22-8 and second in the National Invitation Tournament.

Several notables are gone, including coach Bill Foster (to Duke) and 6-8 NIT Most Valuable Player Mike Sojourner (to the pros).

Returning to lead the way is 6-2 junior guard Luther "Ticky" Burden, the NIT's leading scorer who averaged 23.7 points during the regular season.

Joining Burden is 6-8 forward Chas. Menatti, along with part time starter 6-4 Doug Terry.

Other vets who could contribute are 6-10 Tom Bergen, 6-7 Dean Porter, 6-0 guard Jeff Jonas, and 6-7 Mike Dunn.

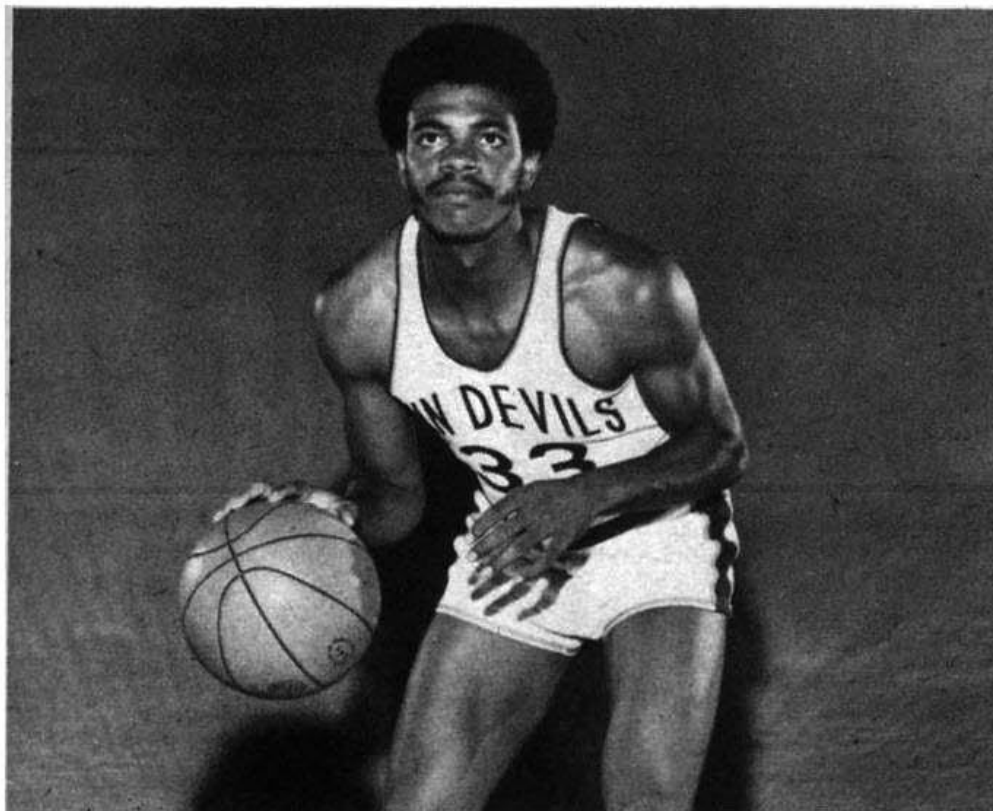
New coach Jerry Pimm had a bumper year on the recruiting trail, signing five players who should lend immediate help. Biggest gain was 6-8 center "Buster" Matheny. Other signees include 6-6 Jeff Judkins, 6-0 Joe Gore, 6-4 Will Garner and 6-6 Brad Smith.

"Overall, our team size is smaller but we will be quicker and possibly faster," says Pimm. "We'll have to hit the boards, too."

NEW MEXICO

Norm Ellenberger, now in his third season as head coach at New Mexico, may have a difficult time defending the Western Athletic Conference championship he won last year.

From that 22-7 team, the Lobos will have but one



LIONEL HOLLINS
Arizona State



RICH POKORSKI
New Mexico



MIKE MOON
Arizona State

BRIGHAM YOUNG

starter returning in the group of seven lettermen. Only bullish center Bill Hagins, 6-7, returns. He was second in scoring (12.5) and the leading rebounder (9.0).

Ellenberger's philosophy of using as many as ten players in a game gives him veterans with experience.

Pat King and 6-4 Bob Toppert, reserve guards, should step into starting assignments. King, who averaged 3.4 points, is likely to become the team leader. Toppert hit for 4.7 points a game. Another possibility is Dan Davis, who led the JVs with a 23 point mark.

Rich Pokorski was a sometime starter at forward. At 6-6, he appears to have one corner spot set. He averaged 8.3 points. There are several possibilities at the other forward from lettermen 6-5 Bruce Battle and 6-7 Mike Patterson.

Among the newcomers, Juco transfer 6-8 Jerome Shanks, and 6-7 freshman Mike Russell will see playing time as will incoming guards Ricky Williams and Steve Davis.

Having survived last year's growth period when $\frac{1}{2}$ the slots on the varsity were filled by freshmen, coach Glenn Potter's outlook at Brigham Young is much better.

The Cougars are still a long way from being title contenders, but at least they'll be respectable.

Biggest challenge is rebuilding the backcourt where starters Doug Richards and Belmont Anderson graduated. They had 35 points a game between them.

Thus, the emphasis should shift to the frontcourt. Mark Handy, a 6-8 sophomore who had 9.8 points and a club leading 8.7 rebounds. Plus 6-9 Troy Jones (8.1) and 6-9 Jay Cheesman (6.4). All give Potter a veteran aggregation.

Other up front lettermen are 6-7 senior Greg Snow (5.7), 6-6 junior Chris Williams (4.5) and 6-5 sophomore Glifford Nielsen (3.5). Raimo Mantynen, a native of Finland (6-7) is the top freshman.

Gary Batiste, a junior college transfer, along with lettermen Grig Clawson (4.5), Veryl Law, Doug Ainge and Mike Berning and incoming freshman Lyn Dasso are candidates for the backcourt.



Arizona State's backcourt is set with return of All-America likely Lionel Hollins.

COLORADO STATE

Coach Jim Williams, beginning his 21st season at Colorado State, has seven returning lettermen, including three starters and five of the top seven scorers.

The Rams finished 12-14 overall last year, including four straight losses at the end of the season by a total of 16 points. Defense was the keynote as the club had the league's second best defense and ranked 21st nationally.

Best of the returnees is 6-7 All-American candidate Tim Hall, who averaged 15.7 points, 10.3 rebounds and made .539 of his field goal attempts.

Also back in the frontcourt are 6-8 Como Pontliana (7.2), 6-11 Brent Wilson (5.4) and 6-9 Ed Mullaney (4.9).

Terry Larrew (8.5) will provide leadership in the backcourt where he'll most likely be joined by Juco transfer Ron Gipson.

Other possibilities are lettermen Ron Bouldin and Dave Giocomo, Fred Anzures (up from the JVs) and freshman Jim Allen. Key redshirts are 6-9 Doug Cook, 6-7 Jim Heck and 6-5 Dean Rougas.

WYOMING

Wyoming has only one way to go in the Western Athletic Conference. The Cowboys were 0-14 in league play (4-22 overall).

Coach Moe Radovich returns six lettermen, all of whom started at least one game. Included are the top four rebounders and three of the first five scorers.

They are 6-6 junior forward Jack Adams (8.8 points and 6.3 rebounds), 6-7 senior forward Bill Alexander (9.3 points), 6-4 senior forward Henry Bailey, 6-7, senior center Stan Boyer (13.3 points and 10.5 rebounds), 5-10 junior guard Duane Robinson (2.4) and 6-8 junior forward (4.6 points and 5.6 rebounds).

Additional help will come from sophomore squadmen Rich Bozner, a 6-5 forward; 6-3 guard Pete Zimmerman and 6-9 sophomore Pat Flanigin, a transfer from Cal-Fullerton.

Radovich added two junior college transfers—6-2 guard Stan Letcher and 6-2 guard John Robinson—along with freshmen 6-5 forward John Lenander and 6-3 guard Jetty Rice.



Chas. Menatti is one of vets Utah counts on in effort to match '73-'74 record of 22-8.



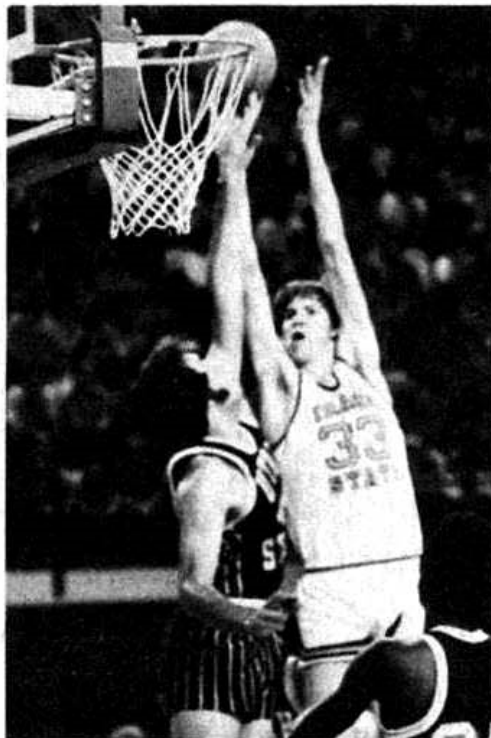
Al Fleming carries heavy burden at Arizona. The 6-8 junior must fill graduation voids.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS

BIG SKY CONFERENCE



In Ken McKenzie Montana boasts Big Sky's leading scorer (18.7) and rebounder (11.1).



Idaho State's Steve Hayes has added height and weight to clinch center spot in 1974.



KEN MCKENZIE
Montana



PAUL MARIGNEY
Weber State



CRAIG BUEHLER
Montana State



DWAYNE JONES
Gonzaga



ERIC HAYS
Montana



WILLIE MOSS
Gonzaga



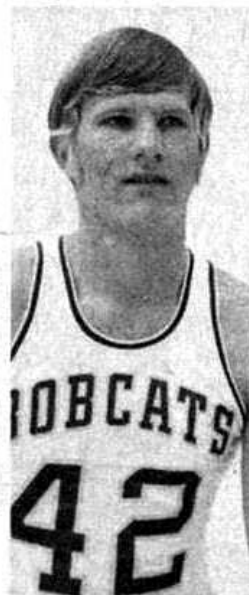
BILL LEWIS
Weber State



AL DEWITT
Weber State



GEORGE RODRIGUEZ
Idaho State



DARRYL ROSS
Montana St.



KEVIN HOYT
Idaho State

MONTANA

Four starters and a total of eight lettermen return from Montana's finest basketball team in 24 years. The surplus of talented and experienced players points to another banner year for coach Jud Heathcote.

The Grizzlies were 19-8 and, on the strength of a 13-game win streak, forced a playoff for the Big Sky championship.

Ken McKenzie, a unanimous selection as All-Big Sky center, heads the returnees. The 6-9 Canadian averaged 18.7 points and 11.1 rebounds. There's frontline strength in Eric Hays (11.3), Tim Stambaugh and Larry Smedley.

The Griz will also get help from lettermen Tim Blaine and Mike Richardson. Two freshmen, 6-10 Mark Reich and 6-5 Steve DeMers are other possibilities.

Two of the club's top three guards graduated, leaving only Ben DeMers (9.0). Among the candidates for the other spot are lettermen Tom Peck and Mark Nord, sophomore Tom Rondeau and new recruit Chris Powers.

WEBER STATE

After dominating the Big Sky Conference for half a decade, Weber State fell on "bad" times last year and finished with an overall 14-12 mark. The word is now out that the Wildcats are on the way back.

Only one senior was lost to graduation and the solid nucleus of the team returns, led by 6-7 Jimmie Watts, who led the club in scoring (12.5) and rebounding (8.4).

The other starters on the front line figure to be 6-8 Al DeWitt (8.9 points and 8.1 rebounds) and 6-9 Paul Marigney (4.8). Reserve help will come from Willie Jackson and Brad Tausheck, both lettermen, plus newcomers 6-10 Jim Ericson and 6-6 freshmen Bobbie Roots and Dave Bekedam.

A multitude of talent exists on the guard line with five returning lettermen plus an excellent redshirt. Dan Dion and Bill Lewis, both 6-1, were quarterbacks for the Wildcats last season. Tom DeVita at 6-0, Scott Gardner, 6-3 and 6-4 Don Collins also saw a lot of action. Dick Hunsaker, a redshirt and recruits Dick Hunsaker, Alvin Charles and Darnel Flourney, are other possibilities.

IDAHO STATE

A lot will depend on sophomores if Idaho State is to successfully defend its Big Sky Conference championship.

Seven-foot sophomore Steve Hayes is the key man, and a lot also depends on 6-9 Dave Allen. Hayes averaged 9.8 points and 6.8 rebounds. Allen, a 235-pound muscleman, averaged 20 points with the JV's and 2.1 in limited varsity duty.

Idaho State's all-time best field goal shooter, 6-7 junior Frank Krahn (5.2) and 6-4 redshirt forward Larry Gahr will also vie for starting roles.

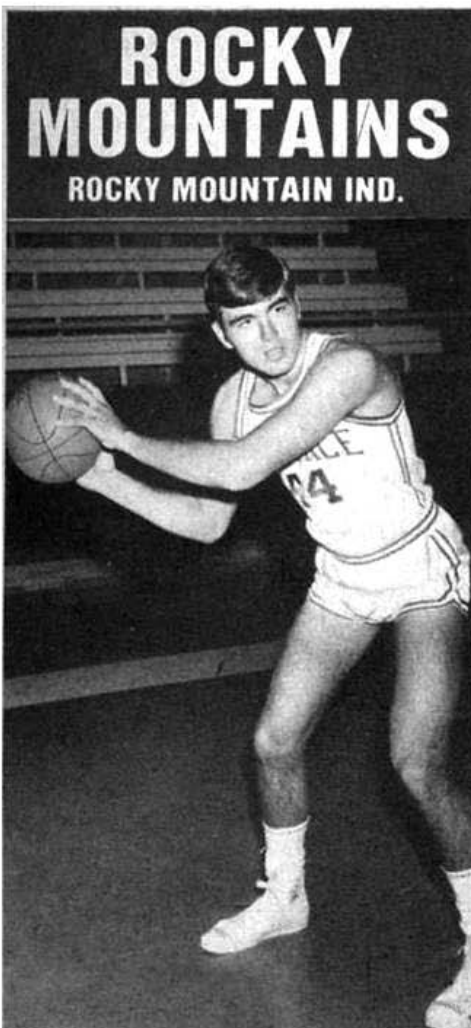
All the guards are back: 6-0 Kevin Hoyt (9.71), 6-2 George Rodriguez (6.9) are returning starters and reserves Matt Strannigan (3.2) and Dennis Green (4.0) logged almost as much playing times as the starters. Brian Bemis, a 6-4 sophomore could challenge for a starting role as could 6-1 Rick Cutright, hampered by bad knees.

BOISE STATE

The basketball fortunes of Boise State should be on the upswing with a fine nucleus of players returning for coach Bus Connor.

Chief among the returnees are 6-4 sophomore guard Terry Miller, 6-7 senior forward George Wilson and centers in 6-7 senior Jim Keyes and 6-7 junior Pat Hoke. Great addition will be 6-1 frosh guard Steve Con-

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JIM EKEN
Air Force



JIMMY MOORE
Utah State



RICH HAWS
Utah State

UTAH STATE

Three starters and seven of last year's nine top scorers comprise the nucleus of what Utah State basketball coach Dutch Belnap thinks will be an improved team, better than last year's 16-10 mark.

Seniors Jimmy Moore, a 6-7 forward, and 6-6 guard Rich Haws, are two-year regulars and both will be strong post season honor candidates.

"With Moore, Haws and Blair Reed, (starting guard) we think we can have more balance this year and that will be one of our goals," says Belnap. "Mike Rock started a couple of games in the backcourt and Gary Malmrose gained varsity experience too. Darryl Owens and Ray Thompson are talented at forward and Mark Tenhoeve is a two-year letterman at center."

Moore (15.4 points and 9.4 rebounds) and Haws (13.3 points and 6.1 rebounds) have solid two-year statistical credentials. Both are 50 percent shooters from the floor.

As sophomores, Reed (8.0) and Rock (4.3) shared the guard spot opposite Haws. Malmrose (2.1) is an extremely adept open floor passer.

Tenhoeve is the frontrunner for the center spot with 7-0 redshirt Ed Gregg also figuring in the picture. The quickness of Owens (4.0) and the shooting ability of Thompson (5.5) will come in handy at forward.

Among the new signees is California's 3A CIF Player-of-the-Year, 6-8 Mike Santos.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Air Force will be seeking to regain its winning way this basketball season with a combination of good defense and excellent guards.

The Falcons of head coach Hank Egan dropped to 11-13 last year, but had a good defense that yielded only 64.6 points a game, one of the best marks in the nation.

The Falcons will have 11 returning lettermen and three starters back, Jim Eken at forward and Jeff Graves and Dan Kraft at the guards.

Kraft, 6-2, was the second leading scorer with a 13.8

average while the 6-4 Eken was the third leading scorer (12.4) and the top rebounder with 8.9 per game. Graves, 6-2, averaged 4.6 points, but is strong defensively.

The two other starter positions at forward will come from a letterman reserve group of 6-5 junior Mike Sevier, 6-6 Greg Schneider or 6-5 sophomore Larry Nickelson. The latter averaged 7.1 points while Schneider and Sevier hit for 3.9 and 3.7 points, respectively.

Another top returnee is sophomore guard Chris Jones, who scored at a 2.6 norm.

"The real key to our season will be the ability of our forwards to mature," says Egan. "We'll have to learn to win on the road too."

A year ago, Air Force was 10-3 at home but won only one of 11 contests on the road.

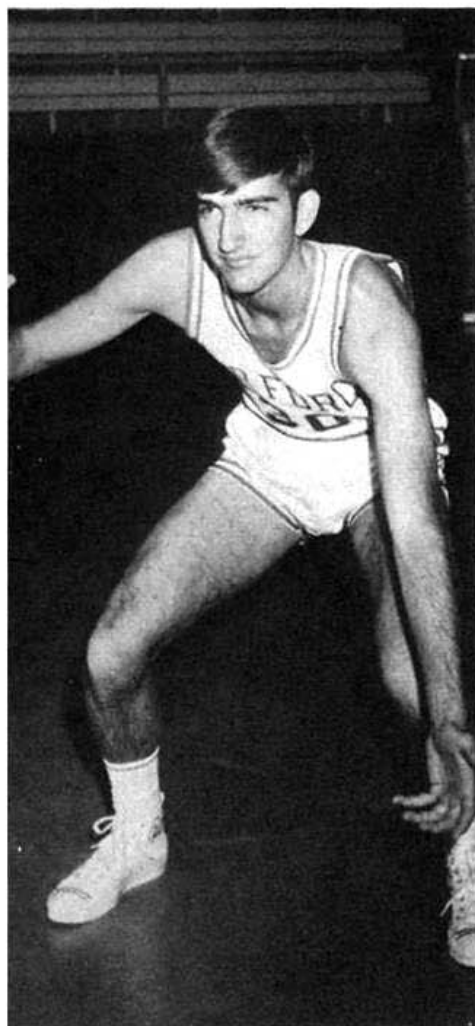
DENVER

Despite the loss of standout forward John Johnson and 6-11 center George Walls, Denver could field a formidable team this fall.

Coach Al Harden's "run, gun and have fun" offense will be generated by some slick guards like 6-2 senior Len Orr and 5-10 senior Doug Ferdin. Backing up the duo will be 6-2 junior Jim Flynn and 6-0 senior Ron Brenning.

Greg Champlin, a 6-7 sophomore, who played extremely well as a yearling has plenty of potential and may blossom into a superstar. He's likely to be joined up front by 6-6 senior George Zumbro and 6-7 senior Jim Ludlow. Dave Steinke, a 6-3 senior, will be used at both guard and forward by the Pioneers.

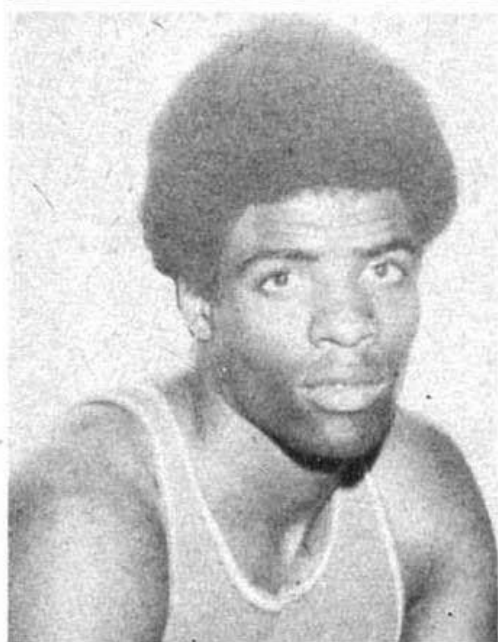
"We are going to have to replace a lot of points and rebounds, but I'm confident that the young players will take up the slack," says Harden. "We have a tough, early schedule that will be a tremendous challenge for us."



DAN KRAFT
Air Force

ROCKY MOUNTAINS

SMALLER SCHOOLS



LEONARD CONKLETON
Washburn

GRAND CANYON

With four of five starters back, Grand Canyon could duplicate its tremendous mark of 28-2 set last season. The Antelopes have, in 6-10 junior Bayard Forrest, one of the best small college centers in the nation.

Forrest averaged 17.4 points, grabbed 12.8 rebounds and hit .525 of his field goal attempt last season.

Other returning starters include 6-5 Mike Haddow (16.6), 6-5 Rodney Hightower and 6-1 David Everett (6.2). Best bet to move in is another Forrest, younger brother John (6-6 or Truett (6-3).

WESTERN NEW MEXICO

Western New Mexico's team has gotten better with experience and now they are all seniors.

The club should be a cinch to win the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Leading the way are 6-8 Dennis Kowalski, 6-5 Ernie Signars, 6-5 Harold Clopton, 5-5 Joe Mondragon and 6-4 Kent Wagner.

There was only one senior of last year's Western New Mexico squad.

ADAMS STATE

Last year was a rebuilding year for Adams State. They're now ready to make a run at an NAIA District championship.

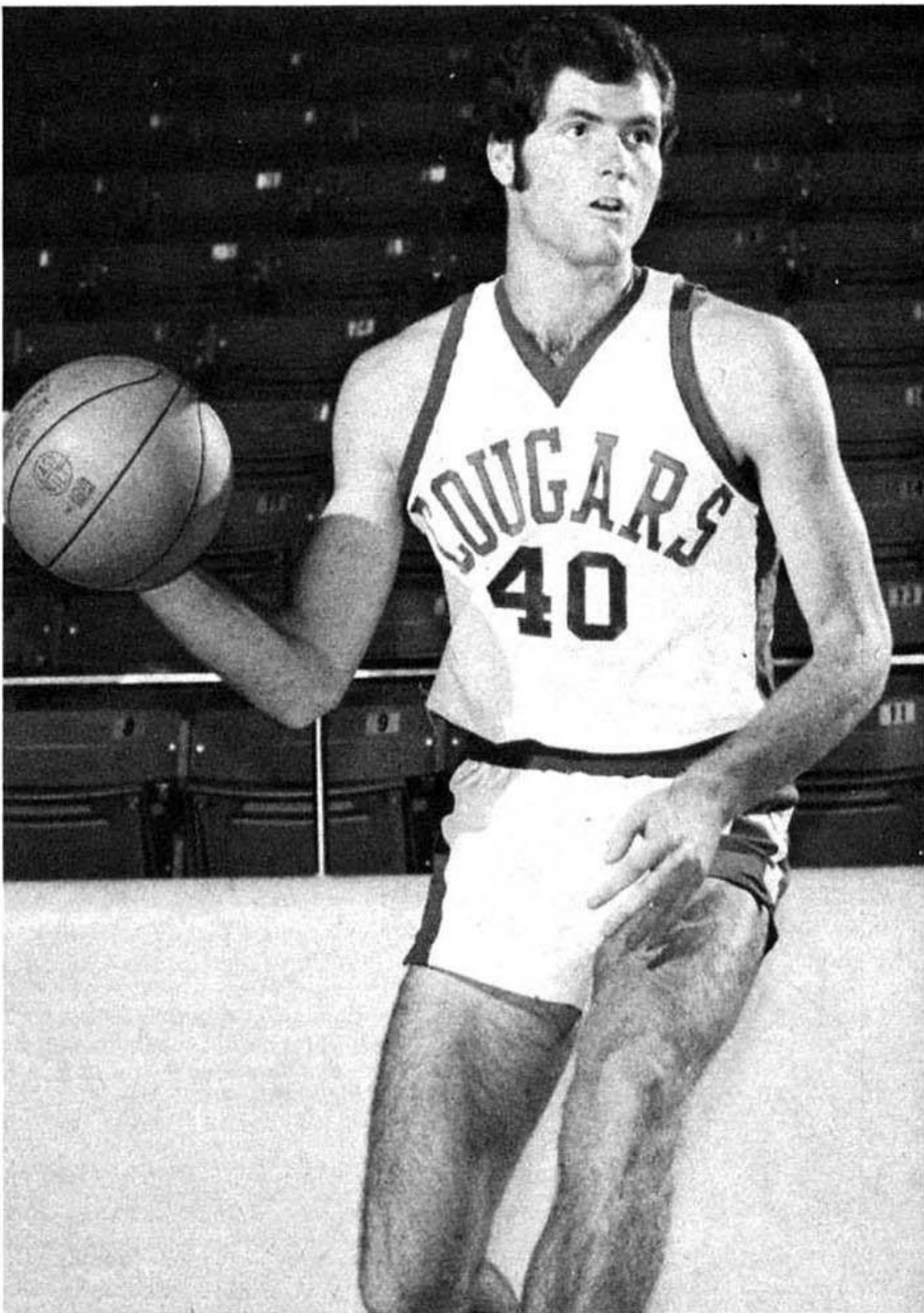
Coach Loren Lutz has good talent led by 6-7 forward Nelson Burrell, who as a junior college player two years ago, hit for 80 points in a single game. Other standouts are 6-3 Terry Dunn and 5-8 Wade Mortenson.

WASHBURN

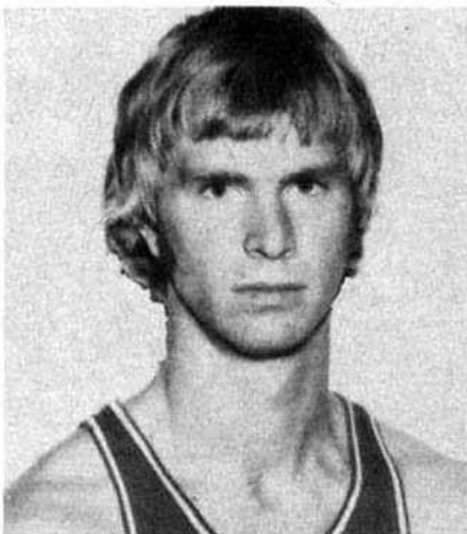
Replacing six seniors including four starters will be a major headache for Washburn basketball coach Glenn Cafer. However there will be three players back from the Great Plains Athletic Conference champions, Cafer will have a solid nucleus around which to build.

Heading the returnees is 6-8 center Joe Luebcke (9.5 points and 7.4 rebounds). Back at forward is Leonard Conkleton and in the backcourt it's Allen Joy.

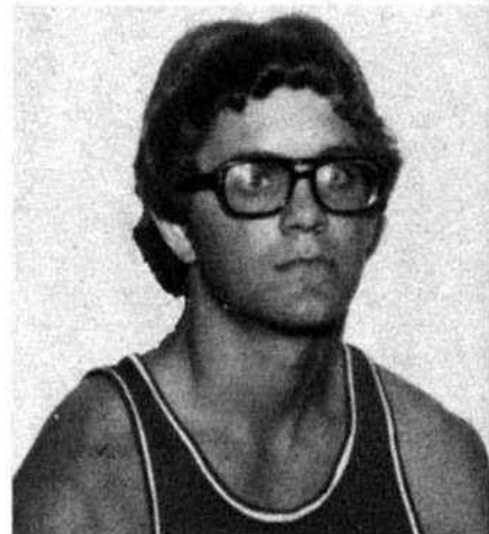
Keith Burgat, Lynn Littleton, Mike McGee, Greg Johnson, Larry Mack, Pat Murphy, Nelson River, and Mike George will battle it out for other positions.



GREG SNOW
Brigham Young

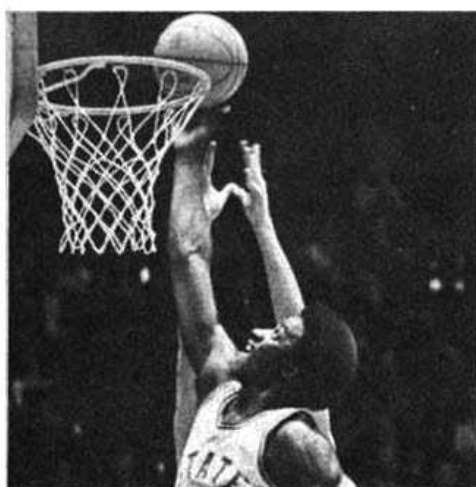


JOE LUEBCKE
Washburn



ALLEN JOY
Washburn

MAJOR COLLEGE ALL AMERICANS



DAVID THOMPSON
North Carolina State



RON LEE
Oregon



CHARLES CLEVELAND
Alabama



GEORGE BUCCI
Manhattan



JOHN GARRETT
Purdue



ROBERT PARISH
Centenary



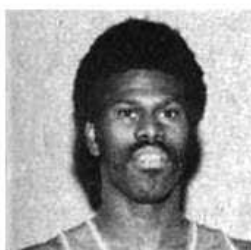
DAVE MEYERS
UCLA



ADRIAN DANTLEY
Notre Dame



ALVAN ADAMS
Oklahoma



TICKY BURDEN
Utah



WALTER LOCKETT
Ohio U.

FORWARDS

DAVID THOMPSON	North Carolina State	6-5	SR.
GUS GERARD	Virginia	6-7	SR.
ADRIAN DANTLEY	Notre Dame	6-5	SOPH.
ALEX ENGLISH	South Carolina	6-7	JR.
BO ELLIS	Marquette	6-9	SOPH.
DAVID MYERS	UCLA	6-7	SR.
LARRY FOGLE	Canisius	6-5	JR.
PHIL SELLERS	Rutgers	6-5	JR.



BO ELLIS
Marquette

CENTERS

MARVIN WEBSTER	Morgan State	6-11	SR.
ALVAN ADAMS	Oklahoma	6-10	JR.
JOHN GARRETT	Purdue	6-11	SR.
ROBERT PARRISH	Centenary	7-1	JR.



GUS GERARD
Virginia

GUARDS

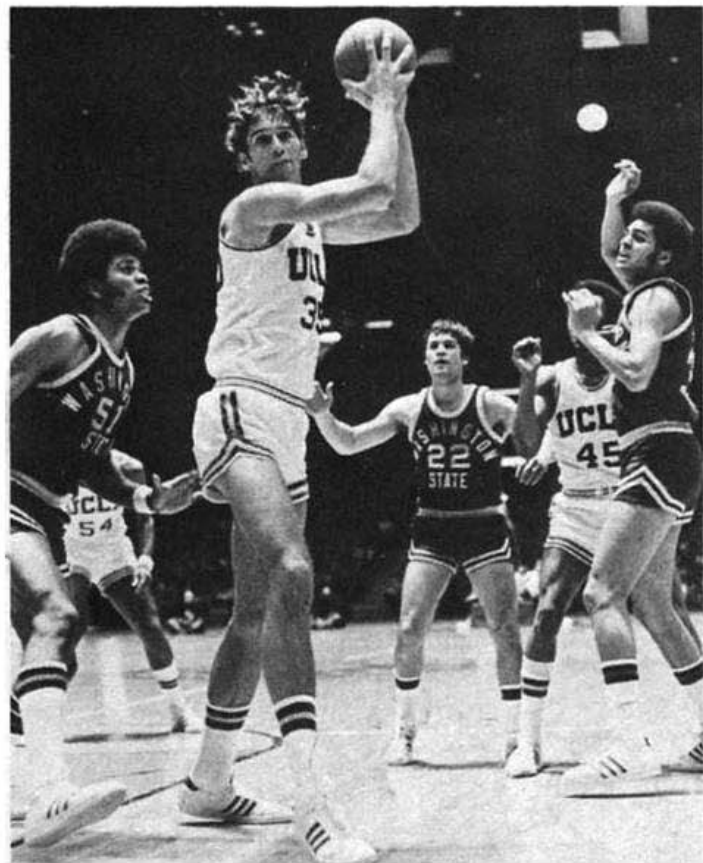
JOHN LUCAS	Maryland	6-3	JR.
RON LEE	Oregon	6-5	JR.
BUBBLES HAWKINS	Illinois State	6-3	JR.
TICKY BURDEN	Utah	6-2	JR.
WALTER LUCKETT	Ohio U.	6-3	JR.
CHARLES CLEVELAND	Alabama	6-5	SR.
GUS WILLIAMS	Southern California	6-2	SR.
GEORGE BUCCI	Manhattan	6-2	SR.



ALEX ENGLISH
South Carolina

FAR WEST

PACIFIC EIGHT CONFERENCE



Ralph Drollinger of UCLA faces year's biggest challenge in replacing Bill Walton.



GREG BALLARD
Oregon



RICKY HAWTHORNE
California



PAUL MILLER
Oregon State



MELVIN ARTERBERRY
Stanford



EDGAR JEFFRIES
Washington State



LARRY POUNDS
Washington



ED SCHWEITZER
Stanford



JOHN LAMBERT
USC



STEVE PUIDOKAS
Washington State



RALPH DROLLINGER
UCLA



CLARENCE RAMSEY
Washington



RICH KELLEY
Stanford



LONNIE SHELTON
Oregon State

UCLA

The Bill Walton era ended last year with a three-season record of 86-4, two NCAA championships and a third place finish. Four starters are gone, leaving coach John Wooden with a young and inexperienced club.

Still, the Bruins are talented and have a team which is capable of contending for national honors. Much will depend on the development of the big men.

Ralph Drollinger, a 7-1 junior, who averaged 5.2 points, will step into Walton's spot with 6-9 sophomore Richard Washington (4.1) ticketed for the high post.

There's strength on the wings with 6-7 senior and All-American David Meyers (11.4), 6-5 sophomore Marques Johnson (7.2), and 6-5 senior Pete Trgovich (6.7).

The Bruins who had guard problems last year, especially in the ball handling area may go with 6-1½ sophomore Jim Spillane, a non-letterman.

Andre McCarter, who came to UCLA as one of the most highly touted players in the country, may finally get his shot. The 6-2 junior can play either the point or a wing.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Take 10 returning players, add four outstanding freshmen and it's easy to see why Southern California has the makings of a national powerhouse. The Trojans lost two starters from a 24-5 team which finished second in the Pac-8 and runner-up in the NCAA Tournament.

Of the veterans, only 6-2 senior guard Gus Williams appears to have a starting spot locked up. Williams averaged 15.5 points to lead the offense and set a school mark for assists.

Biff Burrell, who averaged 5.5 points as a top reserve, and lettermen Marv Safford and Casey Jones will fight it out for the other spot.

The Trojans have experience returning up front in the person of 6-9 Clint Chapman (7.9), 6-10 senior John Lambert (9.2) and 6-8 junior Bob Trowbridge (7.7), all of whom started at one time or another, plus 6-8 sophomore Greg White (3.8), 6-7 senior Bill Boyd (2.1), Marc Palmer and Dan Selleck.

Coach Bob Boyd recruited four excellent big men, two of whom could win starting assignments—6-7 Earl Evans and 6-10 Steve Malovic. The other yearlings are 6-6 Cleve Porter and 6-8 Norm Kelly.

OREGON

With everybody back who means anything, Oregon might finally be able to make a run at the Pac-8 championship. The Ducks were 15-11 overall and 9-5 in league play, including a win over UCLA.

Coach Dick Harter has 11 lettermen returning, including all five starters.

Leading the way is two-time All-Pac "8" guard Ron Lee, a 6-5 junior who averaged 18.8 points. Lee was also the team leader in assists (112).

The other backcourt starting job will go to either 6-1 senior Burt Fredrickson (6.7), 6-4½ junior Mark Barwig (5.2) or 6-4 sophomore Ernie Kent (3.3). All started at one time or another last year, as did 6-1½ sophomore Greg Graham (1.5).

Likely to start in the frontcourt are 6-8 junior Bruce Coldren and 6-7 sophomore Greg Ballard at the forwards and 6-8 senior Gerald Willett at center. Ballard had an outstanding freshman year, hitting for 9.4 points and grabbing a team high 8.8 rebounds. Coldren chipped in with 6.9 points while Willett averaged 10.8 points and 5.3 rebounds.

Other returning lettermen are 6-6 senior Ken Stringer (3.0), 6-5½ sophomore Stu Jackson (5.6) and 6-10 junior Jeff Nelson.

WASHINGTON

Four starters return for Washington which might be the surprise team of the Pac-8 race this season. The Huskies were 16-10 a year ago.

Leading the way are 6-7 forward Larry Pounds and 6-4 junior Clarence Ramsey, who averaged 16.7 and

16.1 points, respectively. Pounds also led everyone in rebounding with a 9.2 average, shot 49.3 percent from the floor and had high games of 29 points and 20 rebounds.

The other guard spot should be a two way battle between 6-0 Chester Dorsey, who started the last half of the season (5.8) and 6-2 John McKnight, returning after laying out a year.

Another battle is shaping up at center between 6-10½ Lars Hansen and 6-11½ James Edwards. Hansen was the starter as a soph until an injury knocked him out and Edwards took over. Both averaged 6.8 points.

Forward Al Smith gave solid relief in the frontcourt and is a contender for a starting position, as are 6-7 Greg Jack and freshman 6-7 Kim Stewart.

Larry Jackson, a 6-10 junior college transfer, and 6-3 freshman guard Mark Scott are other outstanding recruits.

CALIFORNIA

The addition of four junior college transfers has greatly improved the outlook for California's basketball team. Coach Dick Edwards went out in search of big men and landed two centers and a lanky forward.

The stickouts are 6-9 Jerome Young, National JC Player-of-the-Year at Mercer (N.J.), 6-11 Mark Dickey and 6-8 forward Carl Bird. The fourth Juco transfer is 6-4 Connie White.

Eight lettermen return from last year's squad that finished 10-17 (3-11 in the Pac-8).

Rickie Hawthorne, a 6-3 guard, is the top returning player. A year ago he averaged 14.1 points a game and was second in assists. Sharp shooting Mike Miller, a freshman last season, will fight White for the other backcourt spot.

Rock Lee (7.2) a 6-11 sophomore will be moved to forward, his natural position. Four other forward lettermen return: 6-7 Doug Vilotti (5.3), 6-7 Jim Griffith, 6-6 Ken Thompson and 6-5 John Terry.

Don Weaver, a 6-6 swingman who averaged 20 points a game with the JVs, will get a long look.

STANFORD

Eight lettermen return, led by 7-0 All-America candidate Rich Kelley as Stanford attempts to reverse last year's 11-14 mark. The Cardinals have four starters returning and had an exceptional recruiting year.

Kelley is the key to the attack. The senior pivot averaged 18.4 points and grabbed 12.5 rebounds a game, hitting .466 of his field goal attempts. He made an amazing .806 of his free throw attempts.

Joining Kelley on the front line for coach Howie Dallmar's team will be 6-11 junior Tim Patterson (9.3) and 6-8½ junior Ed Schweitzer (12.0 points and 7.8 rebounds).

The likely starting backcourt will have two-year lettermen 6-3½ senior Melvin Arterberry (7.1) and 6-0 senior Mark Gilberg (3.0).

Other returning lettermen include 6-1 senior Ben Blumitt, 6-6 senior Scott Trobpe and 6-3 senior Archie Dean.

Three freshmen recruits: 6-7 Mark Fitzner was the San Diego area Player-of-the-Year, 6-4 Jay Carter and 6-8 Dick Dohrman could also see action.

OREGON STATE

Oregon State should have a good team despite the loss of four seniors. Toward the end of last year, only one of the graduates was starting, so there's plenty of experience returning.

Coach Ralph Miller, starting his fourth season, has seven returning lettermen, plus some other fine prospects.

Freshman sensation 6-8 Lonnie Shelton led the Beavers in scoring (12.2) and rebounding (7.8) and he should be even better with the experience he gained.

Doug Oxsen, a 6-10 senior, who came on strong last in the season, finished with 7.1 points and 3.7 rebounds. The third starter will be 6-7 junior Paul Miller (11.7).



GUS WILLIAMS
USC

Rickey Lee, a 6-6 sophomore who was out last year with injuries, will make a strong bid for a starting job as will junior college transfer 6-7 Roosevelt Daniel. Additional help could come from 6-7 sophomore Don Smith, 6-5 junior Tim Hennessey, 7-0 sophomore Jeff Sledge, 6-6 sophomore Brad Woolrich, 6-10 sophomore Mark Gregg and freshmen Mark Walk and Louis Woods.

Charles Neal, a 6-2 senior, heads up the backcourt. He averaged 6.1 points last year. His probable mate will be letterman George Tucker with freshmen Darrell Kitt and Leon Jordan as possibilities.

WASHINGTON STATE

Washington State returns its top four scorers from a team which went 8-21 a year ago, so coach George Raveling enters his third season with high hopes.

The Cougars will be built around 6-11½ sophomore Steve Puidokas, who averaged a team high 16.8 points and led in rebounding with 239. In two head-to-head battles against UCLA's Bill Walton, "Big Steve" scored 24 and 23 points.

At the wings, it'll probably be Sam Miller (11.6) and Norton Barnhill (16.6) or Edgar Jeffries (10.9).

Ricky Brown, a 6-8 senior, is the leading candidate to hold down the other post position. He scored at a 3.7 norm. Rick Steele, a 6-7 senior, is another possibility.

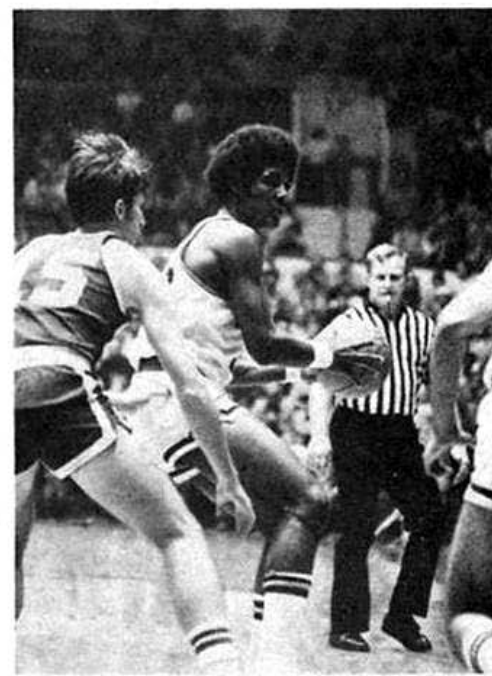
The point guard job is up for grabs between 6-1 junior Xavier Hunter (1.1), and 6-2 sophomore Giovacchini (1.6).



Washington State will be built around Steve Puidokas, team scoring and rebound leader.



Rich Kelley is key to Stanford attack. The 7-0 center has amazing .606 free throw pct.



Two-time All-Pac-Eight guard Ron Lee leads Oregon in assists. He has solid 18.8 avg.

FAR WEST

WEST COAST ATHLETIC CONF.



PETE PADGETT
Nevada-Reno



REMEL DIGGS
Santa Clara



JERRY BELLOTTI
Santa Clara



GARY DEAN
U. of Pacific



VESTER ROBINSON
Santa Clara



ED O'BRIEN
Seattle



ERIC FERNSTIN
San Francisco



LLOYD McMILLIAN
Loyola



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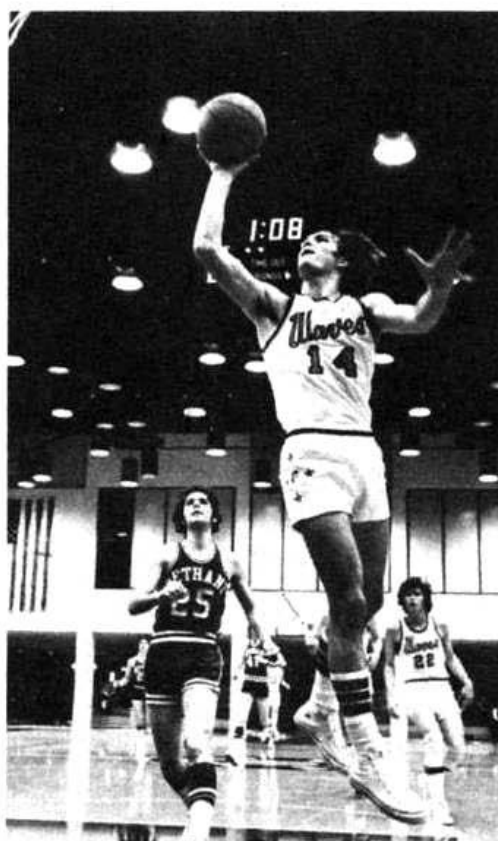
BILLY WILLIAMS
Pepperdine



DON BARTELL
Loyola



JERRY LEE
Seattle



Dick Skophammer provides experience as Pepperdine Waves seek to better 8-18 mark.



RICKY SOBERS
Nevada-Las Vegas



FRANK OLEYNICK
Seattle



Brad Dean, who averaged 12.6 points, 8.0 rebounds, is among returnees at Loyola.

SEATTLE

Seattle should continue to improve both in the West Coast Athletic Conference and nationally. Last year, The Chieftans were a surprising second in the league.

Back are five lettermen, including three starters. Reggie Green, Frank "Magic" Oleynick, Ed "Buck" O'Brien, Ricke Reed and Rob Silver are the experienced people coach Bill O'Connor will use as a nucleus.

Most Valuable Player in the WCAC, Oleynick averaged 25.1 points and handed out 110 assists. The 6-2 junior guard will probably team with O'Brien (6.7).

Up front, the Chieftans will most likely go with 6-7 Reed, and 6-7 freshman Keith Harrell at the forwards and 6-7 Jerry "Horse" Lee at center.

Harrell was a prep All-American, while Lee was redshirted last season. He'll beef up the rebounding.

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

Despite the loss of Bob Florence (graduation), Jimmie Baker (transfer) and David Vaughn (pro contract), Nevada-Las Vegas coach Jerry Tarkanian can still field a team capable of winning the West Coast Athletic Conference championship.

Ricky Sobers, a 6-3 senior guard, will be joined by "The Fabulous Five"—Tarkanian's talented recruits of a year ago. It's an impressive array of talent.

The likely lineup will have Sobers (13.3) and 6-2 sophomore Bob "Jeep" Kelley (5.3) at the guards, with 6-11 sophomore Lewis Brown 8.3 points and 7.4 rebounds at center, and 6-6 sophomore Eddie Owens (10.1) and 6-5 Jackie Robinson (5.6) at the forwards. The top reserve figures to be 6-5 sophomore forward Glen Gondrezick (3.0).

New faces on the roster are 6-4 freshman guard Mat Porter and 6-7 forward Phil Paramore.

SAN FRANCISCO

Despite the loss of the top two scorers, San Francisco rates a strong contender for the West Coast Athletic Conference championship. The Dons have plenty of returning talent from a club which was 19-9 overall and 12-2 in league play.

The front line is big and strong. At center, it will be Eric Fernsten moving over from forward. The 6-9 senior averaged 9.3 points and 10 rebounds a game last year.

He'll be joined by 6-7 sophomore Jeff Randall (8.9), who came on very strong during WCAC play, and 6-9 junior Howard Smith (6.5). Randall and Smith had phenomenal shooting percentages in league competition hitting 56.4 and 63.6 percent, respectively.

The backcourt will have 6-1½ senior Tony Styles (3.7) teaming with 6-5 sophomore Russ Coleman (3.9).

Coach Bob Gaillard's top recruits are 6-8 junior college transfer Regan Lusk and freshman guard 6-3 Rod Williams.

PEPPERDINE

Coach Gary Colson and his Pepperdine Waves will be trying to rebound from an 8-18 mark last year. And the club appears to have the nucleus for the turnaround.

Returning starters 6-10 sophomore Marcos Leite (17.3), 6-5 junior swingman Dick Skophammer (14.1) and 6-7 senior forward Billy Williams (9.2) offer experience. Leite, the Brazilian Olympic star, earned "freshman of the Year" honors, averaged 11.1 rebounds a game. Skophammer hit .545 of his field goal attempts while Williams set a club assist mark.

Returnees 6-8 Mike Schroeder, 6-3 Brian Goorjian and 6-1 Mike Allen will battle transfers 6-6 Howie Dallmar, 6-3 Art Allen and 6-4 Harlan Peet and high school standout Ollie Matson, Jr. for starting berths.

Dallmar, son of the Stanford coach, Howie Dallmar, led his Juco team to the California state title. Matson is the son of the former great football star, Ollie Matson.

LOYOLA-MARYMOUNT

Loyola-Marymount closed strongly last season and now second year coach Dave Benaderet, providing he

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PACIFIC COAST ATHLETIC ASSOC.



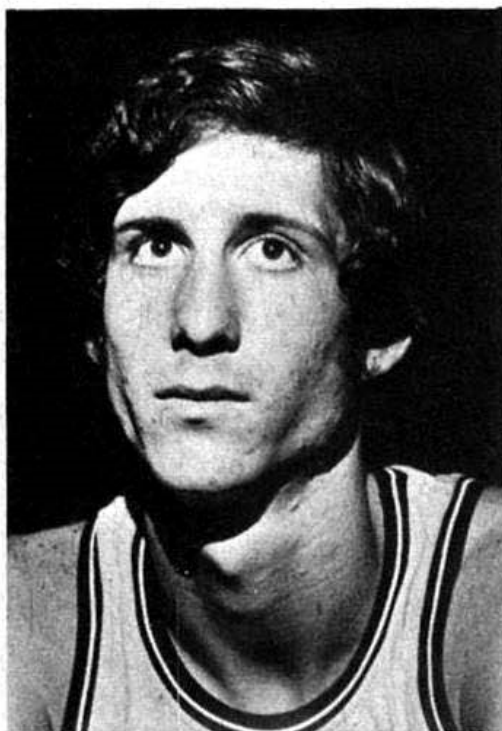
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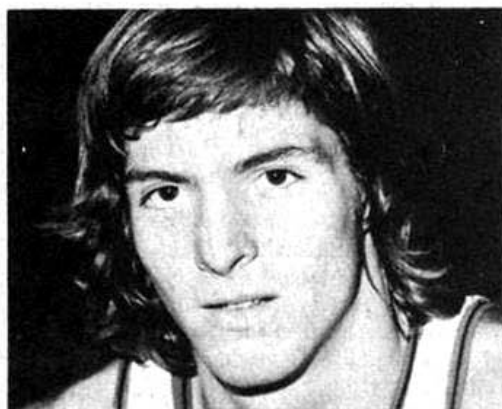
STEVE WRIGHT
Cal. St. Fullerton



Ray Jones is the leading scorer and rebounder among veterans at Fresno State.



BOB CROSS
Long Beach State



ALLEN BONTING
San Diego State

CALIFORNIA STATE U.

For starters (no pun intended), the Titans will have six seasoned players as a base as it takes its chances for the first time as an N.C.A.A. division one school.

Lettermen Jim Bogdanowicz (who averaged 13.5 points to pace scorers in 1973-74), Paul Boskovich, Mike McDonald, Mike Taylor, Tim Tobert and Steve Wright are to be joined by four blue-chip junior college transfer plus a freshman from whom sterling things are expected.

The frosh ace, 6-4 forward Greg Bunch, pumped in 26 points an outing and yanked 18 missed shots from the boards per game at Pacific High in San Bernardino.

Donnie Daniels, a 6-4 guard (Harbor J.C.), Al Fruhwirth, 6-8 forward (Cerritos), John Horger, center who stands 6-9 (Cypress) and Gary Nash, another center (6-10 from Mt. San Antonio) check in with impressive credentials.

Fruhwirth drilled in 25 points a contest, and Nash contributed 19. Daniels and Horger donated 14 and 13, respectively, a jaycees.

Fruhwirth was selected to the California state J.C. roster. He was also his conference's most valuable player. Daniels toiled as a forward prior to hooking up with Fullerton, but Dye plans to convert him to guard.

Bogdanowicz, Boskovich and Wright started last campaign, and Dye considers this a plus, stating "they know what I want and expect. They should be a great help to the new players, and me, in blending everyone into a team." Bogdanowicz and Boskovich are 6-5 forwards; Wright, a peppery guard, is 5-9.

Dye intends to keep using a combination of players each time out, and he'll remain with his harassing defense and controlled offense that spurred last year's edition of the Titans to their first winning season in nine campaigns.

"We will use a great number of players in order to apply constant pressure on both ends of the court," he stated. "We recruited some good players and they'll help make us competitive, at least on a physical basis."

FRESNO STATE UNIV.

Optimism reigns at Fresno where coach Gregory welcomes back eight of last year's first 10 players.

Three returning starters—Dave Cumberland, Bruce Henning, Roy Jones—figure to trigger any success the Battlin' Bulldogs enjoy. Jones, a 6-7 forward, was the club's second leading scorer (17.1 avg. and the No. 1 rebounder (7.0).

Henning, a 6-10 three-year varsity performer, averaged six boards an outing, managed 6.6 points each game and did a commendable job plugging up the middle of Fresno's defense. Cumberland paced the team in assists with five per clash, and he was generally regarded as the offensive sparkplug.

Reserves Mark Hadden, last campaign's third guard, Pat O'Leary (6-6) and Phil Wiechec (6-5) provided sound bench strength. Hadden (6-0) averaged 5.4 in relief offensively, an output that surpassed contributions, statistically, of both starting guards, and he canned 51 per cent of his field shots.

Mike Jones (6-4) saw limited duty a season back, but he figures to be in the thick of the battle for a starting forward berth. Redshirt forward Joe Kosinski (6-6) logged 25.8 and 14.3 point and rebound averages, respectively, at West Hills J.C.

Newcomer James Robinson (6-6), a superb leaper who was all-state at San Diego Mesa, is Gregory's prize recruit. From prep ranks, Gregory lured Ken Barnes (6-6) Tom Casserman (6-7) and Stuart Hollis, a 6-6 sharpshooter who put in 52 per cent of his field shots while averaging better than 13 points at Sunny Hills H.S.

Casserman scored over 1,000 points in high school at Long Beach Wilson, averaging over 20 a test. He reportedly sweeps boards with aggressiveness.

Added support could come from forward Henry Clark (6-7), plus guards Terry James (5-11) and Rodney Shanks (6-3). All are "grads" of the freshman program, and each performed admirably for the Bullpups.

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FAR WEST SMALLER SCHOOLS



GARY ORGILL
Cal. State
San Luis Obispo

FAR WEST INDEPENDENTS



MELTON WERTS
Hawaii
HAWAII

Head coach Bruce O'Neil faces a monumental rebuilding task at Hawaii with only two players returning from a team that went 19-9.

The top man to replace is Tom Henderson, a first round draft pick and an All-America performer at guard.

The only returning starter is Melton Werts, a 6-9 junior, who is a regular for the third consecutive year. He averaged 13.1 points and a team high of 12.7 rebounds last season.

He'll be joined up front by Tom Barker, the highly sought after 7-0 junior college transfer. Barker

CALIFORNIA STATE, HAYWARD

The 1974-75 Pioneers will feature four seniors in the starting lineup hoping to improve on their 6-20 record of last season with strengthened defense.

Heading the list of returnees is 6-5 senior center Stan Cherry, leading scorer (17.6 ppg.) and rebounder (12.3 rbp.) last season and career leader in both departments with a year to go.

Other starters are Jack Trujillo, 6-0 senior guard, the Pioneers career leader in assists; 5-9 senior guard, Jim Carpenter, 6-3 senior forward Willis Ward, who was leading the team in scoring when declared ineligible last year (16.1 ppg).

The other forward position is scheduled for 6-3 sophomore George Washington.

CAL POLY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

Coach Ernie Wheeler expects to put a younger, less experienced team on the floor for the 1974-75 season. Cal Poly is coming off its first outright California Collegiate Athletic Association basketball championship in 20 years.

Senior play-making guard Gary Orgill 6-0 provides the free-throw strength (.848) for the Mustangs.

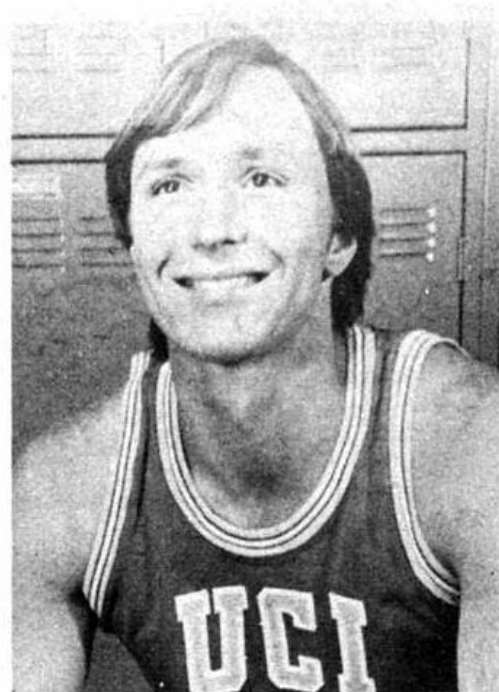
Center Tom Flavin proved particularly good on defense in his freshman season. He has grown an inch to 6-9. The versatile Gerald Jones saw considerable action as a frosh and figures prominently either at guard or forward. In senior Curtiss Wright 6-3, Cal Poly has a superb guard. Dave Bush is a strong rebounder.

The Mustangs had an 18-10 record last season.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

The Highlanders' Coach Freddie Gross has a rebuilding job ahead after losing four starters to graduation.

All of the guards are back, including 6-5 junior Reggie Mims, last year's assist leader. 6-0 senior Larry Reynolds, 6-3 junior Tony Masi and 6-0 senior Randy Burnett also return.



JERRY MARAS
U. of California
Irvine

On the front line, Gross has 6-6 senior James Murray, 6-7 senior Dave Koch and 6-5 sophomore Leo Wills.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

UC Irvine returns four starters off last year's 14-12 squad. They include leading scorer 6-6 senior forward Jerry Maras (16.6), 6-8 senior center Dave Baker (14.0), and freshman guards 6-0 Kevin Davis (10 ppg, 6 assists) and 5-11 Tim Tivenan (6 ppg). The Anteaters suffered only one loss from their starting line-up.

Newcomers include three junior college transfers
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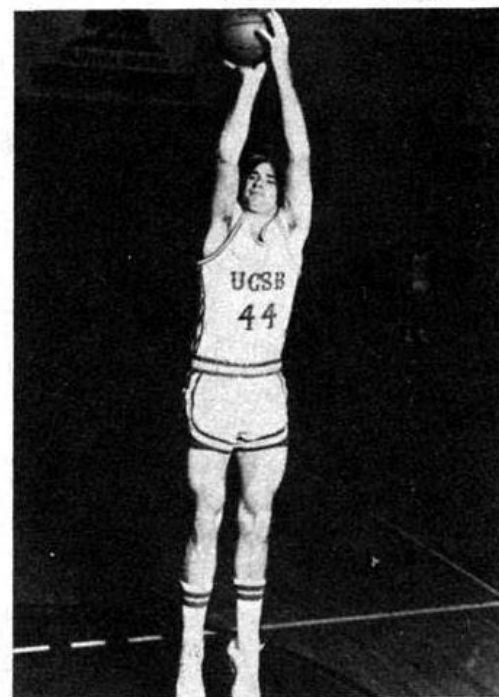
Greg Bell opens season at guard for Santa Barbara. He has been moved from forward.

originally attended Minnesota. Hawaii got him at the last minute, beating out North Carolina State.

The other corner spot should go to Bob Manker, a 6-6 junior, who was one of the top players in the California Juco ranks in 1973-74.

Victor Kelly, a red shirt who transferred from Southern California, is being counted on to fill the big shoes of Henderson. Kelly, only 5-6, was a two time Juco All-American.

The remaining guard job could go to either Wayne Crowe, the leading scorer on the freshman squad, or 6-



DAVE BROWN
U.C. Santa Barbara

3 Juco transfer Ron Fryson. Vern Gibson, the only other returnee, should be a backcourt reserve.

U.C. SANTA BARBARA

U.S. Santa Barbara is coming off a 16-10 overall record and a 7-5 third place finish in its final season as members of the Pacific Coast Athletic Association.

Only two starters and five lettermen are back. The top returnee is sophomore forward Rickey "Tex" Walker, who as a freshman was the team's second leading scorer with a 12.8 point per game averaged and the third top rebounder (7.4).

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YANKEE CONFERENCE (Continued from page 14)

(9.9) closed out a great freshman year with a 24 point performance against Boston College in the NIT.

The other five lettermen are 6-6 senior Ken Wright, 6-4 senior Rod Bass, 6-6 junior Pat Sibilia, 6-4 senior Curt Johnson and 6-7 senior Roger Lawton. Two others who could have an impact are 5-11 freshman Joe Whelton and Bill Harris, a 5-11 guard who averaged 21.7 with the JVs.

RHODE ISLAND

The presence of four outstanding freshman recruits could push Rhode Island into the thick of the Yankee Conference race this year.

Second year coach Jack Kraft suffered through an 11-14 season. He lacked consistent big men to get the job done inside. He remedied the problem by grabbing 6-8 Victor Snares, 6-9 Randy Wilds and 6-4 jumping jack Stanley Wright. The prized recruit in the backcourt was prep All-American 6-0 Jim "Jiggy" Williamson.

Williamson figures to move into a starting spot, joining holdover, 6-2 senior Nelson Lopes (8.8). Other possibilities for the backcourt include 6-2 junior Noel Taylor (2.9) and 6-1 senior Larry Levane (2.5).

Randy Hughes, who averaged 13.3 points a game, returns for his senior season. The 6-3 forward may also see a great deal of action at guard.

Lettermen who figure in the battle for frontcourt jobs are 6-4 sophomore Mark Cizynski (7.6), 6-10 senior Bill Bird (7.1), 6-6 senior Jerry Minetti (5.5), 6-4 junior Carlton Smith (5.3) and 6-8 senior Brian Sullivan (3.4).

Defense is a requisite for all Kraft coached teams at Rhode Island. Those who show greatest defensive talents will get the nod. Last season the Rams came up with their best defensive mark in 24 years and hope to improve on that.

MAINE

One more good shooting big man could make Maine a team to be reckoned with in the Yankee Conference this season. The Bears, with a young club, lost only two players to graduation from a team which was 14-10. And only one of these was a starter.

The front line is especially strong. It is led by Bob Warner, a 6-6 junior who averaged 18.0 points and 14.6 rebounds (10th best in the nation). He was an All-Yankee Conference selection.

Tom Burns, a 6-6 senior (6.7) will be at the other forward with 6-8 sophomore Steve Gavett (5.1) at center. Steve Conley, a 6-7 junior (5.2) and Bruce Gerity, a 6-5 senior, are adequate backups.

Returning at guard is starter Steve Condon, a 6-4 senior, who hit for 11.7 points a game. The other guard probably will be either 6-1 sophomore Dan Reilly (6.5) or 5-10 sophomore Wally Russell (3.7). Mike Poplawsky, a 6-3 junior (5.6) will be used as a swingman.

Last season Coach Skip Chappell used 10 players with regularity. The experience gained from the plan will be an important factor this year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The surprise team of the Yankee Conference a year ago, New Hampshire (16-9 overall and 8-4 in league play) will be hard pressed to duplicate the feat.

Coach Gerry Friel will rely heavily on six newcomers to blend in with the five returning lettermen. Overall, it will be Friel's youngest squad since he took over the Wildcats.

The biggest hole to fill is at guard where leading scorer and playmaker Erié Feragne graduated. Wayne

Morrison (12.4) should improve his scoring norm. The other guard job will go to either Steve Singelais, a 6-4 junior (4.3) or newcomer 6-1 Ron Lane.

Rich Gale, a 6-7 senior, who averaged 9.6 points and was second in rebounding with 6.7, will be the center and 6-5 Dennis Sargen (4.3) and 6-6 rookie Peter Laskaris start at the forwards.

Reserve help will be provided by letterman Frank DiLiegro (2.3), Bill Pardo (1.8), and Mark Eckhardt (1.0) and yearlings 6-8 Tom Cavanaugh, 6-5 Bill Delaney, 6-8 Steve Hodecker, and 6-6 Dave Carrier.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

New England's second leading scorer, Ken Boyd (21.3) is gone via the graduation route. Still, Boston University's new coach, Roy Sigler, has reason for optimism.

Leading the way will be 6-5 junior Neil Burns and 6-2 senior Kerry Walker. Burns averaged 15.5 points a game, but the average is deceiving since he didn't earn a starting berth until mid-season. Walker was the team's top backcourt performer (17.3) until he was declared ineligible at mid-season.

Joining Burns in the frontcourt will be 6-4 junior Walt Chesley (9.0), a muscle-type rebounder, and either 6-5 sophomore Bruce Engel (3.5) or 6-4 Tom Hayes (2.6).

The Terriers had their backcourt problems last year, especially after Walker was forced out. Steve Jones, a 6-1 junior (8.8) and Lance Turner, a 5-9 senior (3.5) gained valuable experience and will share the duties at point guard.

MID AMERICA CONFERENCE (Continued from page 24)

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Western Michigan rebounded to a 13-13 mark last year after compiling an 8-18 record in 1972-73. Coach Eldon Miller looks for additional improvement this season with seven of the top nine scorers returning.

Three fulltime starters are back, plus another who moved into the lineup the final nine games of the season.

Jim Kurzen, a six-footer, who averaged 7.1 points per game, will again team with 6-2 Mike Bivins (3.6). Bivins, the only senior among the lettermen, started the latter half of the campaign following an injury to Fred Burnette. Kurzen led the Broncos with 114 assists.

Center Paul Griffin, 6-9, averaged 10.8 points, 9.7 rebounds and set a school single season field goal shooting mark of .586.

Jeff Tyson, a 6-3 forward (11.8 points and 6.5 rebounds) should be joined by either 6-8 sophomore Tom Cutter (6.2) or 6-5 junior S. L. Sales (3.7). Both logged considerable playing time as key reserves or part time regulars. The same holds true for 6-4 junior guard Jimmie Harvey (6.4).

Slated for more action is 6-5 Dale DeBruin, who averaged 15.4 points and 12.3 rebounds with the JVs.

Best of the incoming freshmen are 6-7 Dave Carnegie, 6-10 Marc Throop, 6-8 Mark Rayner and 6-0 Kevin McSkimming.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

The Ohio schools' domination of the Mid American Conference might come to an end this season. Central Michigan returns nine lettermen, including four of five starters.

And the club's most experienced guard, Dirk Dunbar, is back after missing more than half a season following injuries. He had been averaging 18.1 points a game.

James McElroy, a 6-3 senior, who scored at a 16.3

Sigler, who was not named head coach until June, got a late start on recruiting, so he might have to suffer through a rebuilding year. Boston U. doesn't figure to be among the Yankee Conference contenders and will be hard pressed to duplicate last year's 9-16 mark.

VERMONT

Vermont coach Peter Salzberg put his young club up against stiff competition last season and finished with a 9-17 mark. The third year coach believes his club benefitted from playing against the likes of NCAA champion North Carolina State, Southeastern Conference titlist Vanderbilt and nationally ranked North Carolina.

With everyone returning and help from three top freshmen, Vermont's continuing climb up the Yankee Conference ladder seems to be right on schedule.

The likely starting lineup will have 6-6 senior Joe Greco (12.7 points and 8.0 rebounds) and 6-4 senior Terry Green (11.6) at the forwards, 6-7 sophomore Charlie Trapani (9.2) at center and 6-2 sophomore Warren Prehmus (11.9) and 6-2 senior Barry Cohen (6.6) at the guards.

Ron Gottschalk, a 6-7 sophomore (5.3), who served as the sixth man, may challenge for a starting forecourt position.

Also among the 10 lettermen are 6-2 junior Brian Donahue (3.0), 5-11 senior Mario Macias (2.5), 6-0 junior Jeff Niles (2.1) and 6-3 senior Bernie Palmer (3.3). Newcomers include 6-2 Mark Cubit, 6-7 Kevin Kelly and 6-4 Mark Sobolewski.

norm, will team up with Dunbar to give the Chippewas the most explosive backcourt in the conference.

Up front, the standout is 6-7 All-Conference forward Dan Roundfield. The senior averaged 16.5 points and 13.7 rebounds, while connecting on .523 of his field goal attempts. He had a single game high of 26 rebounds.

Jim Helmink, a 6-4 senior (11.6) is the other forward with either 6-8 sophomore Ben Poquette (5.8) or 6-8 junior Pat Bock (4.1) at center.

Depth up front will be provided by 6-6 junior Russ Davis (3.3) and, in the backcourt by 5-11 junior Denny Parks (3.7) and 6-1 sophomore Leonard Drake (6.0).

Last year, Central Michigan finished 14-12 overall (6-6 in the MAC, including two overtime losses).

MIAMI (OHIO)

Over the past decade, Miami (Ohio) has been one of the most successful teams in the Mid American Conference.

Last year, the Redskins fell to 13-13 after capturing the title in 1972-73.

The top three scorers—Phil Lumpkin (a second round pro draft selection), Gary Dees and Rich Hampton—have graduated, leaving a lot of holes to be filled.

"Our young recruits are going to have to step into starting assignments," says coach Darrell Hedric. "It's definitely a rebuilding year for us. We'd need an awful lot of things to fall into place in order for us to even be a contender."

The two returning starters are 6-10 senior center Dave Elmer (10.8) and 6-5 senior guard Steve Fields (10.3). Elmer led the club in rebounding last year with a 10 per game average.

Rod Dieringer, a top reserve, will battle newcomers 6-2 John Shoemaker and 5-11 Bob Clemens for the open guard position.

Randy Ayers, the AAA Player-of-the-Year in Ohio prep ranks, should fit in nicely at one forward with another freshman, Bernard Newman, a strong contender for the other spot.

KENT STATE

Stan Albeck, the newest coach in the Mid American Conference, faces a monumental task as he attempts to build a winning basketball program at Kent State.

The Golden Flashes were 9-17 last year (1-11 in

league play)—a predictable record based on past results. In the last quarter of a century, Kent has had only six winning seasons.

There's a good nucleus around which to rebuild. All but one player is back and, among the returnees is the Conference's top rebounder.

Bradley Robinson, a 6-7 junior, averaged 16.2 rebounds a game and averaged 8.8 points, but made only 35 percent of his field goal attempts. He'll be moved to forward this year to make room for 7-0 Jim Zoet. The Canadian import saw little action in the past, averaging 2.1 points last year.

Set to start at the other forward position is 6-6 junior Fred Walker, who hit for 10.9 points and was second in rebounding with 8.4. He'll be backed up by Mike Lovenguth, a 6-5 junior (6.0).

The backline is solid with Rick Gates and Tom Brabson. Gates, a 6-2 junior, led the Flashes in scoring for the second consecutive year (13.2), while Brabson, a 6-3 junior, finished strong with an 8.7 average. Freshman recruit Mike Miller will be the top reserve.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

Coach Al Freund, beginning his third season as cage mentor, will be counting heavily on three transfer students to aid Eastern Michigan in its initial season of play in the Mid-American Conference.

The Hurons, for so long a powerhouse in the N.A.I.A., have gained major college status and hope to improve on last year's 8-18 mark.

Three newcomers—6-9 forward Bob Riddle; 6-5 wingman Bob Walden; and 6-2 backcourt ace Ken Brooks—all transfers, are the answer to a successful campaign.

Riddle figures to start at center with Walden and holdovers 6-5 Calvin Williams (9.7 points and 8.6 rebounds) and 6-5 Talmadge Bell (10.2 points and eight caroms) logging most of the time at forward.

Williams can also move to the backcourt to join Brooks, although 6-2 Dan Hoff (2.8) can't be counted out of the picture.

Someone is going to have to make up for the graduation of Gary Tyson, who led the team with a 22.4 point scoring average.

Tim White, a 5-11 transfer from Oakland-Orchard Ridge (Mich.) Community College is another possibility in the backcourt. The top freshman recruit is 6-7 Tom Hale White, a former prep teammate of national scoring champion Larry Fogle, was an All-Regional player last season.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Northern Illinois is still a year away from competing for the Mid-American Conference title and it's a good thing, because the Huskies are still in the rebuilding stage.

Coach Emory Luck returns all but one player—starting forward Dan McDowell—from an 8-17 season. In addition, Northern Illinois will pick up two highly touted transfers.

Dwayne Caldwell (6-8) handled the pivot last season and appears to have the spot wrapped up again. He paced the Huskies in scoring with 11.9 points and 10.2 rebounds.

Other returning starters include 6-6 forward Tim Bryant (8.1) and three guards who shared the backcourt playing assignments, 6-2 Floyd Williams (11.5), 6-4 Carroll Holmes (10.4) and 6-3 John Fisher (6.2).

All the returnees will be confronted with a struggle to retain their striding roles. The reasons are transfers 6-7 Charles Millner (from Western Michigan) and 6-4 Matt Hicks (from DePaul).

In addition, 6-6 Ricky Hicks will be in contention to regain his starting forward position. He was declared academically ineligible at the end of the first semester a year ago after averaging 10.1 points and 9.4 rebounds in the 13 games he played.

BALL STATE

After suffering through nine consecutive losing campaigns, Ball State produced a winner (14-12).

Only two starters have graduated, but they represented nearly 50 percent of the scoring attack. Gone are Larry Bullington (25.5) and Chris Collins (15.4).

The three remaining veterans will likely be joined in the starting lineup by two players who were first line reserves a year ago.

Bob Faulkner, a 6-1 senior guard, has led the Cardinals in assists the last two seasons, but will have to assume a scoring role this time around. He averaged 27.4 on the freshman team three years ago.

Ball State also returns forward Shafer Suggs and center Larry Heinbaugh. Suggs, 2 6-2 junior forward,

averaged 11.1 points and was second in rebounding with 7.7. Heinbaugh, a 6-7 junior center, scored at a 5.6 norm.

The Cardinals, who will start Mid American Conference competition in 1975, figure to round out the starting lineup with 6-6 Quinton Spence (5.8) and 6-1 senior Kim Kaulman (8.9). Another possibility in the frontcourt is 6-6 junior college transfer Chuck Douglas.

Others likely to gain playing time are 6-8 Kim Arnett, 6-10 Dennis Carroll, 6-4 Larry Parrish, 6-5 Jim Holstein, and freshmen Don Dotson, Pete Kuzma, Jim Fields, and Mike White.

EASTERN MAJORS

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Sophomore Mike McDermott, a part-time starter, or freshman Derrick Jackson, will handle the other backcourt job.

LONG ISLAND U.

Third year coach Ron Small feels his LIU schedule is tougher this year. His club should be strong as well. The return of ten veterans, including three starters, and the addition of six newcomers, led by 6-5 Ernie Douse should provide the Blackbirds with the experience and talent necessary to post a respectable record.

Heading the list of returnees from a 13-12 squad, which lost five games by three points or less, is Ruben Rodriguez, a 6-6 center-forward, who netted 16.8 points and 12 rebounds a game.

Lou Brignone, a 5-11 senior is "Mr. Consistency" in the backcourt. He scored at an 11.9 norm and led with 136 assists. The third starter is "The Bird", 6-8 Gordon Moore, who developed as the season progressed (8.6 points and 6.7 caroms).

The two remaining spots will be filled by Douse, voted the top player in New York State in 1972—he transferred back from Long Beach State—and 6-4 Jucio transfer Nate Revels (23.9).

Bench strength will be supplied by 6-4 senior John O'Reilly (8.9), 6-1 junior Keith Williams (3.5); 6-3 senior John Fontaine (2.8); 6-4 junior Fred Jenouze (2.7); 6-0 senior Phil Sakowitz (1.8) and 6-4 senior Everett Marshall (1.7). Newcomers who could make an impact are Jerry Hughes, Earl McCain, Art Yates, Tony Carter and John Burgos.

PITT

Everything broke at once for the Pitt athletic department last year. First the football team was one of the surprise teams of the country, earning a bid to the Fiesta Bowl.

The basketball team did even better, posting a 25-4 mark, reaching the Eastern Regional finals before losing to North Carolina State, the NCAA champions.

Buzz Ridl deserved the Coach-of-the-Year award for his miraculous job. Gone are the team's top two scorers, All-American Billy Knight (21.8 points and 13.4 rebounds) and high pro draft pick Mickey Martin.

Depth will be the Panthers' strength this season. A year ago eight to ten players competed in each game. This season even more players may see action as Ridl will continue his running offense and "amoeba" defense.

The backcourt is set with 6-7 junior Keith Starr (7.8) and 6-0 Tom Richards (8.8). Lucius Keese, a 6-10 center returns after missing the last campaign due to an injury. He'll fight for the job with vet 6-8 Jim Bolla (3.9) and 6-11 sophomore Scott Stephens.

A pair of highly touted freshmen, 6-7 Melvin Bennett and 6-6 Larry Harris will attempt to move out Lew Hill (10.3) and Willie Kelly (4.8).

MORGAN STATE

Morgan State has the best big man in college basketball in 7-0 Marvin "The Human Eraser" Webster. The team, which won the NCAA College Division championship a year ago, is a better unit than Maryland Eastern Shore—the Hawks went to the NIT.

Webster, who may be the pros' No. 1 draft pick, David Thompson notwithstanding, averaged 21.4 points, 22.4 rebounds, 7.5 blocked shots and connected on .545 of his field goal attempts. In a game against South Carolina State, he scored 39 points and grabbed 32 rebounds.

Joining Webster on an explosive frontline will be 6-7 Mike Streety and 6-5 Jethro Crum. Crum missed more than half of last season with a knee injury.

In the backcourt, it'll be 6-0 floor general Billy Newton and defensive specialist Pat Edwards.

Kevin Johnson and Ivan Young, freshmen last year, both came on strong in the NCAAAs and will get plenty of time as will 6-5 Jimmy Gorman.

Others on the squad are 6-9 Arthur Solomon, 6-9 Kennie Alston, 6-8 Eric Evans, 6-4 Maurice Jennings, 6-2 Jim Callas, 5-11 Quincy Cole, and 6-1 Ted Henderson.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

The Colonels lost a great coach in Carl Slone, who abandoned his post in early August to accept the Richmond job. The possible impact of the change may determine George Washington's success.

If anything, the club should be stronger this time around, what with the return of Pat Tallent, a high scoring guard who was shelved for the season after the third game. He averaged 18.8 points a game two years ago.

He'll join a potent backcourt which includes 6-2 Keith Morris (16.2) and 6-1 John Holloran (10.1).

In the middle it will be 6-11 senior Clyde Burwell, who has improved with each season. He scored at an 11.6 norm and grabbed 12.5 rebounds—and blocked 108 shots.

Haviland Harper, a 6-6 forward (second leading scorer with 15.1 points) is assured of his job. The other corner will be made by one of three players—7-1 sophomore Kevin Hall; Don Bate, a 6-9 sophomore and the JVs leading scorer and rebounder, or incoming freshman, Leslie Anderson.

The other three recruits are 6-5 Herb Caesar, 6-1 John Campbell and 6-6 Mike Miller.

DUQUESNE

During his tenure as Duquesne's basketball coach, Red Manning was able to get rid of many of the tough games on the schedule. Now that he's stepped down, new mentor John Cinicola will reap immediate benefits.

The Dukes, once the terrors of Eastern basketball, lost only one player, starting center Lionel "Big Train" Billings.

As for the rest of the lineup, its solid with All-American candidate 6-2 senior Oscar Jackson, 6-5 junior Roland Jones and 6-2 sophomore Norman Nixon forming a potent backcourt.

At forward, it could be 6-6 senior Don "Kip" McLane, 6-5 senior Dave Pavlick, 6-4 senior Bernie O'Keefe or 6-5 Don Maser.

Best bet to take over for Billings is 6-9 junior Ray

Milligan, who saw action last season when "The Train" was injured, or got into foul trouble. Another possibility is 6-10 junior Dan Malignani.

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia basketball hasn't been the same since the days of Jerry West, Hot Rod Hundley and Rod Thorn, and that goes back a decade.

Several coaches have come and gone. The latest to attempt a rebuilding program is Joedy Gardner, a former co-captain of one of the Mounties' greatest teams.

Four of five starters are back from last year's club which compiled a 10-15 mark.

The top player is 6-7 junior "Wonderful" Warren Baker, who led the club in scoring (17.7) and rebounding (13.1) for the second straight year. Only three times during the campaign was Baker not the rebounding leader.

Also returning are 6-3 senior guard Eartha Faust—a good one—who averaged 15.6 points, hitting .489 of his field goal attempts; 6-6 senior swingman Jerome Anderson (11.5), and 6-6 senior forward Scott MacDonald (4.3).

Two freshmen could provide immediate help. Maurice Robinson, 6-6, was West Virginia Prep Player-of-the-Year and 6-3 Ross Scaggs, is a hotshot guard. Gardner also plucked 6-6 Stan Boskovich and 6-0 playmaker Earnest Hall from the Juco ranks to join holdovers such as Larry Carr, Dave McCardle, Bob Sims and Jim Schneider.

FORDHAM

The schedule maker at Fordham doesn't give head coach Hal Wissel a chance in the world of finishing with a break-even record. The Rams (8-17 last year) are entered in the Jayhawk Classic and the Holiday Festival and meet powers like Notre Dame, Maryland, Marquette and South Carolina plus the East biggies.

Fortunately, there's a player who is capable of holding his own against anyone. He is Darryl Brown, a 6-7 senior center, who led Fordham with 17.2 points and 10.9 rebounds.

He'll likely be joined up front by 6-4 sophomore John O'Neill, who came up from the JVs to average 8.3 points; and either 6-5 senior John Troha, 6-9 Kevin Collins, 6-7 sophomore Paul Smith, or 6-4 freshman Nestor Cora.

There's depth in the backcourt, too. Among the nine returning lettermen are the two guards who started the majority of the contests as freshmen, Stan Frankoski (9.2) and Kevin Brown (8.0).

Incoming freshman Jimmy Cassano will be given a long look in the backcourt along with returnees 6-2 Walter Douglas (5.8), 6-0 Kevin Moriarity (2.4), 6-5 Paul Williams and Guy Whitlock and 6-2 Kevin Carlesimo.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON

Over the years, Fairleigh Dickinson coach Al LoBalbo has built a reputation as a defensive genius. However last season his Knights gave up 66.2 points on their way to an 11-14 mark. Injuries wrecked the club.

Things are more promising with the arrival of the best set of freshmen players LoBalbo has had in his six years at FDU.

Two of the yearlings, 6-4 forward Jay Jorgensen and 5-11 guard Seth Greenberg, have excellent shots at earning starting berths. Greenberg is a hard-nosed playmaker.

The Knights' top player will still be Rich Conrad, a 6-2 senior guard, who averaged 14.8 points last year, despite missing almost a month of the season with a bad ankle.

"Richie is the heart of our offense and defense," says LoBalbo. "When he doesn't play, we are not the same team."

Likely to join up with Conrad will be 6-8 sophomore center Steve Solop (5.4). Scott Edmonds, a 6-5 sophomore should see plenty of action, along with

veterans 6-8 Howard Alexander, 6-4 Pete Polites, 6-4 John Bogdanich and 6-7 Paul Bechtelheimer.

The other frosh recruits are 6-5 Otis Ancrum, 6-1 Steve Makwinski and 6-2 Jeff Hunt and Barry Bandolo.

PENN STATE

Penn State's basketball team must improve its offensive output if it hopes to better last year's 14-12 mark. The Nittany Lions might find the task a difficult one since two of the top three scorers have graduated.

"Defense has been the citadel of our game," says coach John Bach. "However, we have to shoot better and make the transition from one end of the floor to the other."

Much will depend on the status of three players who were struck by injury or illness a year ago.

Randy Meister, a 6-9 senior, who was the team's most valuable player two seasons back, was bothered by bone chips in the ankle and had to undergo off-season surgery. He averaged 12.7 points and 9.1 rebounds.

Dave Angstadt, a 6-7 junior, never recovered from an ankle injury (4.4) while Chris Erichsen sat out most of his freshman campaign with an ulcer. Another possibility at forward is 6-4 senior Kevin Burke (6.3), a starter at guard the past two seasons.

Improved offensive punch is expected from guards Tommy Doaty and Jim Ouderkirk, who averaged 8.0 and 6.6 points, respectively.

Bench help will come from center Rommel Raffin, forward Bruce Chase and swingman Keenan Preston. Freshmen Jeff Miller, a guard, and forwards Harvey Wooten and Jeff Poth could also see action.

ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.)

St. Francis (N.Y.) coach Jack Prenderville had a bonanza recruiting year following the graduation of three of his top four scorers, including Dennis McDermott (23.8).

The newcomers have solid credentials: Joe Brinson, a 6-7 freshman from the New York City public school champions; Nestor Serrano, a Junior College All-American; plus John O'Neill and 6-6 Curt Morris.

In addition, two former All-City high school stars will become eligible in mid-season. They are 6-4 Gerry Trapp and 6-5 Duncan Blair.

They'll join three veterans, all of whom played a major role in the Terriers 12-13 record.

Jerome Williams, a 6-8 junior, who Prenderville considers as the equal of any big man in the New York area, returns after averaging 14.5 points and 11.4 rebounds. Bob Hannafin, a 6-3 guard, hit for 7.1 points while 6-5 forward Bob Trapp scored at a 5.1 norm.

"We have the beginning of a very promising future," says Prenderville. "There won't be a senior among the top 10 players. Overall, the team is relatively inexperienced, but we won't be without talent."

Two prospects—6-7 Dennis Kehayas and 6-5 Dennis Kwiecinski—who both averaged better than 15 points and 10 rebounds with the JVs, are other possibilities.

IONA

It has been 20 years since Iona has fielded a team capable of competing with the strong independents in the East. The Gaels still haven't reached that level. But coach Gene Roberti is on his way to closing the gap.

Roberti posted a 12-13 mark in his rookie year. Although he has 11 lettermen back, replacing two graduates who accounted for 31.2 points and 24.9 rebounds, will be the top priority.

"We will be giving up both height and bulk under the boards," says Roberti. "We should be able to pick up the scoring but we'll have to work the boards very, very strongly against the bigger teams."

The Gaels, who finished fourth in the nation in rebounding margin still boast 6-4 forward Kevin Bass, who averaged 15.6 points and 8.8 rebounds as a freshman. The opposite forward spot figures to go to 6-7 Neal Snape, All-Metro New York two years ago as a freshman at Kings Point.

Front runner for center is 6-6 Bernie Thomas, a transfer from Edison J.C. in Fort Meyers, Fla. Tom Woodring, a 6-5 senior, and freshmen 6-6 Kevin Manderville, 6-5 Todd Van Hettings and 6-5 Jeff Lytwyn will provide backup help.

Incumbents 6-4 Dave Budd (7.8) and 5-11 Dennis Bange (6.8) will have to hold off the guard challenge of Chuck Wallace, a transfer from Catholic U., as well as lettermen Bill Croutier and John Czarnecki.

ST. BONAVENTURE

Losing seasons are a rarity at St. Bonaventure. But it's hard to see how the Bonnies will be able to avoid one this time around.

At one time, things didn't look that bad, even though Glenn Price, the fourth highest scorer and second leading rebounder in school history graduated.

However, then Bob Rozyczko, third leading scorer and rebounder withdrew from school; Bill Moore, a starting forward, left because of personal reasons and starting guard Steve Hocker quit basketball.

Coach Jim Satalin will have to reshuffle his squad, which will be built around Essie Hollis, a 6-6 sophomore. Hollis averaged 16.4 points and 8.0 rebounds a game.

A freshman, 7-0 Barry Atkinson may be called on to hold down the center spot. He averaged nearly 25 points a game for his Canadian prep team. The other forward spot will be up for grabs among 6-3 Pat Oliveto (3.4), 6-3 Mike O'Grady (3.5) and 6-5 Tom Harrison (2.9).

Tom Flanagan, a part time starter at guard last year, is a good bet to move in at the other guard spot with Gary Gregory and Jerry Beckles. Freshmen Jim Baron and Glenn Hagan are the reserves.

ARMY

Army coach Dan Dougherty has yet to enjoy a winning season. That could change this year. This is more a result of a softened schedule than any sudden acquisition of material.

"I definitely look forward to a rewarding season," Dougherty says. "I am confident of marked improvement and feel our chances are better than they have been in some time."

The Cadets will have to find replacements for the Dlugolenski twins, who shared one of the starting forward spots, and guard Pete Jackson, last year's leading scorer. Virtually everyone else is back.

Up front Dave Thomas and Rich Crump were starters. Crump averaged 9.1 points as a freshman, while Thomas scored at a 7.7 norm until being hampered by an ankle injury.

Eric Schlossberg, who saw considerable action at center as a freshman, will carry a big load. He averaged 5.3 points.

The backcourt returnees, Bill Walsh (5.5), Tom Valerio (2.8) and John Moro (0.8) all saw yeoman duty last winter, with Walsh a starter for virtually the entire season. Transfer Bobby Jones, a starter two years ago at LaSalle, could make an impact. He averaged 22 points with the Army JVs.

ST. FRANCIS (PA.)

This will be a rebuilding year at St. Francis after last season's 15-11 record. Coach Pete Lonergan lost three key starters, including the top rebounder, the top scorer and the leading playmaker.

Starters Mike Williams and Bob Nichols return with seven other lettermen. Williams, a 6-3 swingman, was third in scoring and rebounding, averaging 10.4 points and 5.2 rebounds. Nichols, a 6-6 forward, averaged 9.8 points and 4.4 rebounds per game.

Essential support will come from 6-1 junior guard Pat McGeary (5.5), 6-3 sophomore guard Jack Phelan (2.0), and 6-9 sophomore center Pat Sweeney (3.2).

Bench strength will be provided by 6-6 senior forward Mike O'Neill, 6-6 junior center-forward Larry Sanders, 6-4 sophomore guard Marion Donawa and 6-0 sophomore Ken Horoho.

Incoming freshmen challenging for varsity positions are 6-5 Ken Kolakowski, 6-7 Leon Stevenson and 6-6 Willie Wilkerson.

"Matching last year's winning record will depend on how quickly the new starting five can work together as a team," says Loneragan. "We have a very tough schedule."

BUFFALO

The lack of a proven big man will likely spell doom for the University of Buffalo. Last year, the Bulls were 5-20, giving up better than 86 points a game.

"It's tough to play the real good teams with a 6-6 center," says coach Leo Richardson. "We weren't able to recruit a big man, so the same problem that plagued us last season will be there again."

Mike Jones started in the middle as a freshman and did a creditable job under the circumstances. He averaged 9.2 points and 9.3 rebounds. Jim Slayton, a 6-6½ junior (1.3), returns to back him up.

Two recruits will replace graduation losses at forward and guard. Nate Evans, a 6-2 Juco transfer and 6-5 forward Jeff Baker, just discharged from the Air Force, should add scoring punch.

Otis Horne, a 6-3 senior forward (15.0) is set at one corner and 6-1 junior Gary Domzalski (10.0) seems sure at a guard spot.

Other help will come from 6-3 forward Bob Dickinson (7.5), 6-4 Darnell Montgomery (2.3), 6-3 sophomore Jim Randall, 5-10 sophomore guard Gene

Henders (18.3 with the JVs) and 6-2 junior John Rufino (8.5 with the JVs).

NAVY

Navy will be striving to find solid firepower to complement its usual defensive capabilities and improve on last season's 9-13 record.

Coach Dave Smalley lost three starters from that team, including the squad's best offensive threat, Bob Marshburn, a 513 field goal shooter with a 15.1 scoring norm.

Smalley's first priority is establishing a consistent offense—the Middies have been a regular among the nation's top defensive clubs in recent years and finished 16th last season with a 63.5 average.

The team leader is Mickey Hampton, a 6-2 guard and one of the best all-around players the Academy has had in a number of years. He averaged 11 points a game two years ago, but dropped to 9.3 in the 1973-74 season.

The other two seniors, 6-7 center Bob Burns and 6-4 forward Bill Montgomery, could do much to fill the offensive void. Burns' average dropped to 9.2 after a team leading 12.2, two years ago. Montgomery tallied 7.7 per contest.

A pair of juniors, 6-3 Jay Strosnider and 5-11 Jerry Liscomb, rate as strong possibilities for starting roles, while two sophomores, 6-7 Brooks Boatwright and 6-0 Leo Latonick also could wind up as starters.

Navy will struggle to be a .500 club.

teams are Ernie DiGregorio (1973) and more recently Marvin Barnes and Kevin Stacom.

"We are going to have to rely on some young players if we hope to be back in a tournament again," says Friars' coach Dave Gavitt. "Much will depend on how quickly they come along."

The four outstanding recruits whom Gavitt talks about are 6-9 Bob Misevicius, 6-9 Bruce "Soupy" Campbell, 6-11 Don Henderson and 6-5 Bill Eason.

Providence has two excellent players returning up front. Where they will play depends on the abilities of the frosh.

Bob Cooper, a 6-7 sophomore (12 points and 7.5 rebounds) can be used at either center or forward. Mark McAndrew (6.5 points and 6.2 rebounds) is strictly a cornerman.

The backcourt is fairly stable. Seniors Gary Bell (7.2) and Rick Santos (6.9), who shared the ballhandling duties, return along with 6-4 sophomore Joey Hassett (7.2) a tremendous pure shooter.

are 6-4 senior swingman Arnie Needleman and 6-4 Kevin McLaughlin.

Brian Banks, a 6-9 sophomore, who averaged 16.2 points and 17.2 rebounds with the frosh, inherits the center job.

Sophomores Jonis Honick and Joe Leondis were top scoring freshman guards. They'll battle varsity veterans Steve Selinger and Mike Griffin for backcourt positions. Needleman is also a strong possibility at guard.

Defense, a Sanders trademark will again be very much in evidence. Last year, the Crimson were third with the Ivy League with 61.4 points per game allowed.

YALE

Yale will have to find a lot of scoring punch to replace Mike Baskauskas and Tim Kearns, who each tallied over 1,000 career points and were the only double figure scorers on last year's 8-16 club.

Coach Joe Vancisin has a nucleus of seven returning lettermen to go with several top sophomores.

Jim Cartmell, a 6-7 senior, who averaged 7.4 points and 7.7 rebounds, figures to be joined on the front line by 6-6 junior Rollin Chippey (5.2) and 6-4 sophomore Carnell Cooper. As a freshman, Cooper led the Eli yearlings to a 13-4 mark, averaging 15.2 points and 13.6 rebounds.

Reserve help will be provided by 6-5 senior Jeff Ritter (3.1), and 6-4 sophomore Walt Kazmierczak. Captain Gary Franks, a 6-1 senior (6.8), showed

flashes of offensive brilliance but needs work on defense and ball handling. Junior guard Jim McGuire played well over the last half of the season (6.1) while juniors 6-2 Bruce McKenna (4.9) and 6-0 Robin Michel (3.9) will also help in the backcourt.

DARTMOUTH

Dartmouth started four sophomores a year ago enroute to a 4-22 mark, so, at least new coach Marcus Jackson will have an experienced club.

At times, the Green played very strong defense. At times they showed the ability to shoot and score well and at times they showed strong rebounding. They never did everything well at the same time.

Bill Raynor, a three-year regular at guard, is the only significant loss.

Juniors Adam Sutton and Mark Donoghue, the top scorers, head a list of 11 returning lettermen. Sutton (6-5) was the Ivy League Sophomore-of-the-Year, averaging 19.4 points a game. Donoghue, a 6-8 junior center, came on strong down the stretch and finished with 10.5 points.

The other forward spot is up for grabs with 6-5 junior Bill Healey (7.6), the top candidate. Jim Beattie, a 6-6 junior (5.0), along with 6-7 junior Rich Hayes and 6-7 junior Henry Shanks are other possibilities.

The guard positions will be wide open with Dan McKay, a defensive specialist (1.0), and Rick Jones (5.7), a starter most of the year, having the edge over a quartet of sophomores who averaged in double figures with the freshman team.

COLUMBIA

New coach Tom Penders takes over a Columbia program which has stagnated over the past couple of seasons. He'll have eight lettermen back and several good sophomores. But drastic improvement is not likely.

The Lions will have a new look—an offensive minded club after years of pattern play under former coach Jack Rohan. At Tufts, Penders' teams averaged 89 points a game—Columbia averaged 55 last season.

Jerry Boone, a 6-6 junior with excellent potential, should average in double figures after hitting at a 6.6 norm last year. At the other corner will be either 6-4 junior John Avery (6.1)—slowed by appendicitis last year—or 6-5 junior Cornett Lewers (5.3).

The center spot is up for grabs between 6-7 sophomore Ollie Costello (6.4 points and 5.0 rebounds with the freshman) and 6-6 junior Rick Newsome (4.6 points and 6.6 caroms).

Mark Hardaway, a 6-1 senior, who came along strongly during the final month of last season (12.1) is set at one guard. He'll team with either 6-0 sophomore Aaron Grandison—the leading freshman scorer with 15.6 per game—or 6-1 senior Bill Koch, a transfer from Army, where he averaged 7.1 points as a starting guard with the Cadets two years ago.

CORNELL

Cornell's new coach Ben Bluitt undertakes the rebuilding of the weakest team in the Ivy League. Last year, the Big Red were 3-23, worst record in the school's history, and finished in the cellar for the fourth consecutive year.

Only one player, 6-7 Lynn Loncki, will be missing from the cast of regulars.

The top performers returning are 6-4 senior Tod McClaskey, who led all scorers with a 15.2 average. Abby Lucas, a 6-1 junior guard, is the only other returnee in double figures (13.5). His scoring figures might have been more impressive had it not been for the fact that he fouled out of 11 of 26 games last year.

Cornell's best returning field goal shooter (.559) and rebounder (7.0) is 6-6 junior Brian Hather, who averaged 7.7 points.

Bluitt plans to stress defense. This figures to be a good idea since last year's team averaged only 62.3 points a game, scoring more than 80 only once.

Others who will be in contention for jobs are 6-7 Bill Johnson (4.4) and 6-3 Dwight Kiel (4.1).

Little help is expected from the 5-12 freshman team, and freshmen in the Ivy League are not eligible for varsity competition.

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The top candidate to replace O'Connor is 6-5 Owen Mahorn, who had a sensational second half rookie season. He finished with 9.1 points and 5.3 rebounds.

Other possibilities are Greg Scott, Jesse Scott, Leo Nolan—all veterans—and incoming freshmen Steve Balkun, Dave Lehn, Karl Leuchau, Mark Plefka and Don Poster.

PROVIDENCE

During the past couple of seasons, Providence has lost only eight basketball games. Gone from the great

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forward to center. He averaged 10.3 points and 5.9 rebounds, but fouled out of seven games. Behind him, there's no candidate.

The Tigers are likely to rely on their pattern game—last year they allowed only 58.5 points per outing.

HARVARD

Harvard coach Tom Sanders posted a fine 9-5 Ivy record (11-13 overall) in his first season of Ivy League competition. Now, with seven lettermen returning, six of whom saw considerable action, and a host of promising sophomores up from a 14-1 freshman team, the Crimson hope to become a factor in the race.

The club will be led by 6-7 All-Ivy forward Lou Silver, who averaged 16.2 points and 10.1 rebounds per contest. Bill Carey, a 6-5 junior who fought his way into the starting lineup and helped Harvard win eight of its last 11 games, appears ready for a big season.

Backup assignments, or even a starting job, could develop for 6-5 senior Len Adams, hampered for two seasons with an assortment of injuries. Other hopefuls

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from a team which was 22-6 and tied for second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference race.

The rest of the league looks stronger than a year ago. Yet, coach Dean Smith's club might surprise and "steal" the title from favorites Maryland and North Carolina State.

The Tar Heels have more depth than in recent memory. They recruited the top notch scoring and ballhandling guards, which had been missing the last couple of seasons.

Phil Ford, a prep All-American, has the potential to start as a freshman. He'll give Smith a potent backcourt. Ford will join with either Ray Harrison (8.8), Brad Hoffman, Dave Hanners or John Kuester.

Another possibility is 6-5 sophomore Walter Davis, who averaged 14.3 points, playing both front and backcourt.

North Carolina's size up front is awesome. Mitch Kupchak 6-9, the team's second leading rebounder with 191, and 10.1 points, alternated as starter with 6-10 Ed Stahl (7.2).

Tommy LaGarde, a 6-9 sophomore who was injured most of his rookie season, will make a tremendous impact on both the scoring and rebounding. And 6-11 Jeff Crompton also figures in the Tar Heels plans.

For additional depth, Smith has 6-6 Charles Waddell, 6-5 Jim Smith, 6-5 Tom Zaliagaris, 6-8 Bruce Buckley, 6-5 Billy Chambers and 6-5 Mickey Bell.

North Carolina used 19 different players at one time or another last season. No team in the country has as much depth returning.

CLEMSON

Last year Clemson posted a 14-12 record, its first winning campaign since 1966-67. Despite the loss of two starters, the Tigers figure to be even better this time around.

The main reason is that 7-1 center Wayne "tree" Rollins now has a year's experience behind him. Last season, Rollins averaged 12.4 points, 12.2 rebounds, blocked 106 shots and hit .543 of his field goal attempts.

He'll be joined up front by 6-9, 240-pound senior Wayne Croft, the team's third leading scorer (11.2). The other corner spot is up for grabs among returnees 6-8 Marty Patterson (3.7) and 6-9 Charlie Rogers (5.5) and incoming freshmen 6-6 Colon Abraham, 6-6 Jim Howell and 6-5 Stan Rome.

Probably the best all-around prep star in the nation last year, Rome gave up a potentially great football career to concentrate on basketball. He averaged 32 points and 20 rebounds as a senior.

Van Gregg, who for the second straight year led Clemson in scoring (13.8), is back at guard where he'll team with incoming freshman Skip Wise, another prep All-American.

Reserve help in the backcourt will come from Jo Jo Bethea, who started 16 games and averaged 3.3 points, John Franken, Bruce Harman and Kenny Davis.

The Tigers lost all six regular season games against the ACC's Big Three last year but came within one of North Carolina, two of Maryland and five of NC State—all at home. They're not too far away from being a contender.

DUKE

Bill Foster takes over a foundering basketball program at Duke where he hopes to perform the same turnaround accomplished at two previous stops—Rutgers and Utah.

The Blue Devils don't have the talent to compete

with the giants of the conference. Foster's staff got a late start on recruiting. Still the Blue Devils will be a competitive unit.

Foster, whose team will play a running, pressure style of offense and defense, has a good nucleus of returning players, including starters 6-8 center Bob Fleischer and 6-2 guard Kevin Billerman. Fleischer was second in the ACC in rebounding last season (12.4) and averaged 15.7 point a game.

Billerman was the playmaker. He scored at a 10.7 norm and added 11.2 assists.

Part time starters guard Tate Armstrong (6.3) and forwards Willie Hodge (9.2) and Pete Kramer (9.8) figure prominently in Foster's plans.

Newcomer 6-5 George Moses, a junior college transfer, should give Duke much added rebounding strength in the front court. A year ago, he averaged 21.1 points and 18.6 caroms.

Foster's two freshmen recruits are 6-2 shooter Rick Gomez and 5-10 ballhandler Kenny Young.

WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest coach Carl Tacy has his sights set on a third place finish in the Atlantic Coast Conference this season. With 11 lettermen and some quality recruits, he might just pull off the feat.

The missing ingredient the past two years has been the big man. Tacy landed 6-9 Juco transfer Daryl Peterson and he'll vie with 6-9 Don Mulnix—out last season with injuries—for the center spot. If either fail to work out, Tacy's still got 6-8 Cal Stamp, who averaged 9.0 points and 8.6 rebounds in the middle.

It's been three years since Wake Forest has had a frontcourt man score in double figures. That should end with the arrival of 6-6 Charlie Floyd, one of the top prep stars last season.

He'll likely join 6-6 senior Mike Parrish (9.8 points and 6.3 rebounds a game). Parrish has been Wake's most consistent performer over the last two campaigns.

Others who figure to see action at forward are Jerry Schellenberg (7.5), Lee Foye (4.2), Dan Moody (7.2), Haley Hall, Al Myatt and Tim Stare. Another possibility is 6-6 freshman Rod Griffin.

Skip Brown, a 6-0 sophomore, was one of the premier players in the ACC, and his scoring average (13.2) should skyrocket now that Tony Byers has graduated. He led the team in free throw shooting (.83) and assists.

Leading candidates for the vacant guard position are 6-3 senior Phil Perry and 6-5 Henry Hicks. Schellenberg may also be moved to guard.

VIRGINIA

Virginia didn't figure to be a contender for the Atlantic Coast Conference title.

Now that All-American forward Gus Gerard (20.8 points and 10.2 rebounds) has decided to pass up his final year of Eligibility, the Cavaliers will be hard pressed to stay out of last place.

New coach Terry Holland has two outstanding players, but lacks a quality center in a league where a big man is a must.

Wally Walker, a 6-7 junior forward, will have to pick up much of the scoring slack. He averaged 17.5 points after starting the season very poorly.

The quality guard is Bill Langloh, who as a freshman averaged 8.7 points and led the club in assists. He came on strong, earning a spot on the All-ACC Tournament second team.

Ed Schettlick, who lettered last year (2.7), will battle 6-9 sophomore Ray Morningstar for the starting center position.

Dan Bonner, a two-year letterman, and 6-7 junior college transfer Lamont Carr, are the leading candidates to fill Gerard's position. Marc Iavaroni, a 6-8 freshman, will be given a long look see, too.

Holland believes that signees David Koesters and Tom Briscoe could be of immediate help in the backcourt. Holdovers Andy Boninti and Brian Tully, along with Mark Newlen, up from the JVs, are other possibilities.

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The only returning starter is 6-7 forward Wilbur Thomas, who finished second on the team in scoring (18.3) and led in rebounding (10.4).

The best bet to crack the lineup at center is 6-7 senior Bill Mann who averaged four points and four rebounds last season. Also sure to see considerable playing time, both at center and forward is Ricky Hunt, a transfer from Clemson. Another possibility is sophomore Tay Wallenbaugh (14 points and 11 rebounds with the JVs). Calvin Brown and Cleo Wright will be given shots at front court jobs. Brown saw considerable action as a freshman.

Five players will battle it out for the guard job. They are Jim Neurohr, Mike Jenifer, Dante Fulton, and two transfers, Donald White and Brad Greenberg.

A pair of freshman, Howie Kane and Donald Kelly will be given shots at the point guard position.

DREXEL

Drexel has made a total commitment to Division One basketball and has nine returning lettermen off a 15-9 club. Coach Ray Haesler's first group of recruits are now seniors and for the backbone of the team.

Last year's most improved player, 6-3 Mike Feagans (9.2) returns to one of the guard spots with the other position a wide open battle among Bob Ambler, Charlie O'Donnell, Jim Brophy and Naish Berran.

The frontline is where the Dragon's strength lies. Five experienced players, who have all started in the past, are back along with promising 6-7 sophomore Tom Vassalotti, who topped the JVs in rebounding and scoring.

Junior forwards Doug Romanczuk (9.3 points and 7.9 rebounds) and Mike Kernan (9.1 points) teamed with 6-4 Terry Parks (7.6 points and 6.4 rebounds) to form the starting frontcourt that finished last year with a five game win streak. Tim Corlies, the top sub and 6-6 centerman Doug White, return after injury-ridden seasons.

Three others, Tony Weldon, Tom Betley and Ray James, could crack the varsity as freshmen. Weldon has the potential to become a stickout.

WEST CHESTER

Last season West Chester 11-15, but 10 of the losses were by 10 points or less. Head Coach Earl Voss hopes to turn that around with the return of several key starters.

Best of the bunch is 6-4 Jerry DuVall, who averaged 13.7 points and a Conference-leading 12.1 rebounds. Curt Conrad, 6-6, brilliant in his freshman season (10.7 points and 6.2 rebounds) is the key to the key to the attack.

Voss is also counting on Bill Kauffman, a 6-5 junior. Kauffman was a member of the Mercer County (N.J.) club which captured the national junior college championship.

The Golden Rams, who are overmatched in league play, will have to make up the wins in the non-conference games. Paul McShane, a 5-11 sophomore, will be delegated to run the attack. He averaged 7.7 points a year ago.

(WESTERN DIVISION)

LAFAYETTE

Coach Tom Davis will have to find two replacements on the frontline if Lafayette is to continue its winning

ways of the past couple of seasons. Gone are two starters who accounted for 27 points and 20 rebounds a game.

Henry Horne, a 6-5 senior forward, is the lone starter back up front and he'll have to carry much of the scoring load. Horne averaged 7.2 points and 7.6 rebounds.

The prime candidates to fill the other spots are a pair of sophomores—6-7 Kris Grundberg (20 points and 20 rebounds with the JVs) and 6-5 Tom Goodman.

The wealth of talent the Leopards have in the backcourt starts with 6-2 senior Frank DiLeo. He hit for 13.7 points a game and was the only guard named to the All-Conference first team.

Other top prospects are 6-2 junior Todd Tripucka (9.3), and Junior Gerry Kavanaugh (4.5) and sophomore Jim Lundy (6.2).

Lafayette should have no trouble qualifying for the post-season playoffs.

RIDER

The top 11 players—10 who are lettered—will be returning to make Rider a definite threat for East Coast Conference (West) honors this season. In addition, Mark Hlatky, a transfer from Penn., is eligible and should give the Broncos more scoring punch and versatility.

Last year Rider, with as many as three freshmen in the starting lineup, rebounded from a 1-8 start to finish 13-13 and capture its Division championship. The Broncos won on defense, which ranked ninth nationally.

Coach John Carpenter's success started when he inserted 6-7 Wayne Spells (8.6 points and 8.1 rebounds) and 6-5 Russ Stroemel (12.6) into the starting lineup.

The other three starters—Harry Edwards (5.4), and guards Mike Baggett (16.6) and Norm Hobbie (4.8). Hobbie also led the club with 111 assists.

Chuck Simon (7.9) was the Broncos' sixth man with Charlie Bell, having made a transition from forward to guard, backing up playmaker Hobbie.

DELAWARE

The loss of three of the top five scorers and a record breaking rebounder makes the season a rebuilding one for Delaware.

Steve Schlachter, who as a sophomore last year, was the third leading scorer (11.6) and second in rebounds (153), and guard Bill Sullivan (8.4) with 121 assists, are the lone starters rebounding.

Brian Kenney, a 6-1 guard, came on strong during the latter half of the season (4.4) and should be the prime prospect to fill the other backcourt spot. Other possibilities are 6-1 Paul Gibson and 6-4 Dennis Purcell (24.3 points with the JVs).

To go along with a 6-9 Schlachter up front, the Hens have returning reserve Ed Atman, a 6-9 center, who saw limited action. Also slated to return is 6-6 forward Don Otto, out last season with injuries.

Also up from the JVs are 6-7 David Forrest, and 6-3 swingman Dan Francis. Jerry Gallagher, a 6-6 transfer, also figures prominently in coach Don Harnum's plans.

BUCKNELL

Phase one of the coach Jim Valvano's rebuilding program at Bucknell proved to be successful even though it didn't show in the won-lost column. The Bisons, with four freshman in the starting lineup, were 8-16.

Both guards are back to pace the attack. Tom McLean, who showed great poise, topped the Bisons in scoring with 28.8 points (12.0). Steve Oristaglio hit for 7.4 points per contest.

Scott Novacek, who demonstrated early season scoring, led the team in rebounding (6.3), while averaging 8.1 points. The other forward, 6-5 Bill Gravely, scored at a 7.5 norm (6.2 rebounds).

Junior Sam Stettler, a 6-6 center, who shook off an injured ankle to become a starter the last seven games, will likely be relegated to a reserve role because of the presence of 6-9 Jeff Werner, a highly touted freshman prospect.

Other newcomers who could help are 6-6 John Callaway, 6-6 Jose Simcoe, 6-3 Tom Muller and Juco transfer 6-8 Scott Hebditch.

LEHIGH

Lehigh played with nine freshman on a squad of 14 last season, suffered several key injuries to further complicate the situation, and came up with a 3-21 record after losing the first 15 games.

The Engineers did, of course, gain experience. Coach Tom Pugliese hopes they'll show the kind of improvement of last year when the club stunned Lafayette and Bucknell.

Charley Brown and Steve Zambo will be called upon for most of the scoring.

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The important addition is 6-3 guard Ricky Coleman. He came to Jacksonville as a highly regarded prospect, but injured a knee and then lost a battle to the books. This past Spring, he was selected the Most Valuable Player in the AAU Tournament.

Carlos Bermudez, a 6-7 senior, who played well in sports, should get plenty of playing time as should 6-2 sophomore guard Bobby Alvarez.

FLORIDA STATE

Florida State lost only two players off a team which came close to gaining a post season berth. The Seminoles have a young, talented team which should get that bid this time around.

The squad will be paced by 6-10 junior Greg Grady, a defensive specialist and an excellent rebounder.

Coach Hugh Durham has plenty of talent to choose from in the backcourt like Eugene Harris, Carlton Byrd, Dave Brownyard and Dennis Burke.

No team in the country may have as many good wing performers as Florida State.

Durham can call on 6-4 Archie Aldridge, 6-2 Wayne Small or 6-4 Larry Warren, all capable of averaging 20 points a game.

"We were young and made a lot of floor mistakes a year ago," admits Durham. "This is a very talented team and we have that big stopper in the middle. I think Grady is one of the finest centers in the country. Smalls and Aldridge will be better with a year's experience behind them, too."

SOUTH ALABAMA

One thing about South Alabama coach Jim Taylor: He is not cautious about his team's chances.

"We feel like we're the team to beat in the Southeast," says Taylor. "We expect national rankings."

The Jaguars went 22-6 a year ago and return seven lettermen, including three starters. Add to that the four outstanding players recruited plus two redshirts.

Returning starters, Dave Davis, Glenn Selph and Ray Edwards will form the nucleus of the team. Davis, a 6-10 senior, was second in scoring (12.8) and rebounding (8.4), Selph, a 6-7 forward and 6-2 Edwards averaged 10.1 and 9.9 points, respectively.

The newcomers include three transfers from Chippola (Fla.) Junior College, the national runners-up.

Jim Cassidy, a freshman guard, will be given a shot at the vacated point guard spot, while another yearling, Ray Green, may work his way into the starting lineup.

ST. JOSEPH'S (PA.)

Graduation wiped out the key performers for St. Joseph's and the administration bounced highly successful coach Jack McKinney, leaving the basketball program in turmoil.

The Hawks lost seven players of their 12-man roster of 1973-74, necessitating a complete rebuilding program.

The team will be formed around guard Francis Rafferty and forwards Steve MacZinko and Ron Righter. John Snyder, a 6-10 member of the JVs a year ago will probably inherit the center spot, or possibly it could be 6-8 sophomore Ed Benson.

Michael Borski is the logical candidate to join Rafferty in the backcourt.

They are 6-8 Quinton Bell, 6-6 Lester Lewis and 6-2 Albert Gardner.

South Alabama also signed 6-8, 230-pound Ricky Sinclair and two redshirts Darius Segure and Gary Ledbetter also figure to be candidates for starting jobs.

STETSON

Another of those up-and-coming teams with a chance to produce a good record this season is Stetson.

The season for the optimism is not only the return of five lettermen from a 17-9 team, but the addition of 6-9 redshirt transfer Otis "O.J." Johnson, who rates as one of the better centers in the nation. He originally attended Florida State.

Three of the returning lettermen have a two-year starting background—6-8 Billy Williams, 6-7 Billy Seitz and 6-2 Fred Ross. Williams averaged 13 points a game, Seitz (8.8) and Ross (9.1).

Eligible for the season will be 6-7 forward Dave Stowers, who could be the best all-around offensive player on the squad, plus 6-11 Steve Dixon, the tallest player ever to sign with Stetson.

Levan Anderson, a highly recruited Juco superstar, will battle with lettermen 5-9 Buzzy O'Connell and 6-3 jumping Jack Paul Morris for the open guard job.

MERCER

Junior college transfers may hold the key to Mercer's success this season. The Bears lost three starters, top two scorers, from a 17-8 team.

Returning are 6-1 senior guard Geary Taylor and 6-8 junior forward Andre Brown, who averaged 12.1 points and 11.1 points, respectively.

Even with three positions to fill coach Joe Dan Gold has the players ready to move in. Jerry Thurston, a 6-7 forward and a former "Mr. Kentucky" is set after sitting out his transfer year from Kansas State.

New to the Mercer campus is 6-1 guard Goerge White (24.4), a first team Junior College All-American. He could be joined in the backcourt by Teko Wynder (25.4), another Juco superstar. To fill the center spot, Gold recruited Roy Bennett. He'll battle 6-8 Chip Coulter for the starting position.

Also counted on to see action will be 6-2 senior guard Dennis Hanson, 5-11 sophomore guard Joe Everett and Steve Hendrickson.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Georgia Southern will face its most demanding schedule in its fourth season since joining Division One competition.

Last year the Eagles were recognized as one of the top independents in the South as they soared to a 19-7 record.

Returning to this season's squad are front line specialists 6-8 Jim Clark, 6-7 John Vail and 6-6 John Baker. All three were instrumental in Southern's big wins last season.

Other returning players who should see much action are 6-0 Mike Barger, a solid ball control guard; 6-5 Dick Beuke and 6-10 Bob Crouch, along with wing players 6-5 Art Kitchen and Pat Blenk and guards 6-2 Rex Gregg and 6-0 Chris White.

To this roster Southern has added five newcomers. They are Juco stars Jerald Bailey, Maurice Stoutermire and Bennie Shaw and prepster Jimmy O'Connor and Bobby Shields.

TULANE

Tulane coach Charles Moir suffered his first losing season ever, but the imposing presence of sensation Phil Hicks makes a repeat seem extremely doubtful.

With 6-9 sophomore Hicks leading the way both on the boards and in the scoring totals, the Green Wave rallied from a seven game losing streak early to win six of their final eight and salvage a 12-14 mark.

Hicks averaged 20 points and 12.8 rebounds—25 points and 17 rebounds over the final 12 outings.

VIRGINIA TECH

Virginia Tech, 13-13 last season, loses four starters, a vital sixth man and other valuable lettermen. Coach Do DeVoe has a massive re-building.

Key veterans among the returnees are 6-9 Kyle McKee, who averaged 8.0 points a game; 6-0 Dave Sensibaugh (2.8); 6-7 forward-center Mike Collins (5.8); 6-5 swingman Dennis Shrewsbury (2.4); and (7.9), a late season starter as a freshman.

DeVoe and staff have come up with three junior college transfers and a high school All-America in an effort to beef up the attack. The Juco standouts are 6-6 forward Russell Davis, 6-7 forward Barry Isom and 6-4 guard Larry Cooke.

Sam Foggin, a 6-8½ forward-center, was a prep All-American from West Virginia. The other yearling is 6-8 Chuck Lucas.

In this three seasons as head coach, DeVoe had produced a 51-28 record and an NIT title, and last year's record figures to be one of his few low marks.

SAMFORD

With seven lettermen back and four talented junior college players recruited, Samford should improve this season. Last year, enroute to a 6-20 mark, coach Ron Harris' hard luck team dropped six games by a total of 16 points, taking conference champions Vanderbilt and Austin Peay into overtime before losing.

Senior guard Al Walter (16.8), a starter since midway through his freshman season, heads the veterans. The 6-1 Walter holds all Samford assist records and ranks third in career scoring.

Other returning lettermen are 6-6 Dwayne Barnett (9.7), 6-5 Daniel Wheeler (7.3), 6-5 Greg Glynn (5.4), and 6-6 Brian Strohm (5.0) at forward and 6-7 Stan Crawford (4.8) and 6-6 Gary Gray at center.

The lettermen will have to scramble if they hope to win starting berths, however, because of the addition of the Juco quartet—6-7 Earl Hill, 6-5 John Farley, 6-1 Dan Ragland and 6-1 swingman Julius Norman.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Southern Mississippi lost four seniors, including three starters, off coach Jeep Clark's 11-15 Golden Eagle team of last year.

Toughest to replace will be 6-6 Ronnie Malone, who ranked 21st in the nation with a 23.0 scoring average.

Returning to form a nucleus are 6-4 Glenn Masson, the second leading scorer at 15.4; 6-3 James Palmer, 6-3 John Prince and 6-0 Greg Prater.

Other squadmen who could help include 7-1 Tom DeGraaf, tallest player in the school's history; 6-5 Jack Hawkins, 6-6 Ken Schapker, 6-3 Dave Hammond and 6-0 Doug Munn.

A pair of 6-8 redshirts, Wilber Jones and Terry Branch, are on hand, along with new Juco recruits 6-8 James King, 6-5 Earl Lewis and 6-0 Oscar Hugg.

The frosh include talented Barry Montgomery, 6-6 prep All-America and Richard Byars and Dennis McMillan, both 6-7.

SOUTH FLORIDA

South Florida's new head coach, Bill Gibson (ex-Virginia) dipped into the junior college ranks in an effort to gain instant respectability.

He plucked a trip from Pensacola Junior College (Fla.)—6-7 All-American center Ed Davis, 6-7 forward Joe Reccord and 6-5 guard Otis Dunn. From Middle Georgia JC comes one of the top ten rated guards in the nation, 6-2 Doug Apin. The fifth player is 6-8 Ric Butner.

Gibson's only freshman recruit is 6-2 guard Penny Greene, out of Washington, D.C.

Starters returning at South Florida are 6-6 forward Glenn DuPont, and 5-9 point guard Leon Smith. Two

promising forwards are 6-9 Tim Dietz and 6-7 Phil Shelp.

GEORGIA TECH

After a disappointing 5-21 record in 1974, head coach Dwane Morrison is looking toward better things to come.

The addition of two junior college players and a transfer along with those returning from last season should provide an interesting combination this year.

Harold Rhodes, an All-America performer at Amarillo Junior College (Texas) averaged 26.7 points per game last season. The 6-1½ guard, along with teammate Mike Martin, a 6-7 forward, should add some offensive firepower.

Mike Green, a 6-5 forward who transferred from Mercer University should also help matters.

Sophomore center, 6-8 Jim Wood, who averaged 11.1 points as a freshman, guard Harry Allen (9.7) and forward Trot Hunt (9.3), return along with playmaker Steve Sonnenberg.

Other lettermen are Ray Schnitzer, Steve Sherbak, Mike Bottorff, Andy McCain, Preston Campbell, Mike Daugherty and Randy Foster.

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"We've got to be a super defensive team," says Brickels. "That's got to be our bag, the thing that will allow us to beat the teams who are better than we are—better on paper anyway."

The Wildcats led the Southern Conference in both field goal and foul shooting and that again should be a strength.

Height is still a problem. However, Rickels is confident that Parker and Rixey, both 6-8, or sophomore Steve Trusgnich, will be able to provide adequate play in the middle.

Among the recruits are 6-3 Kevin Doherty, 6-6 Preston Powers, 6-7 Jeff Baird and 5-9 Mark Sumwalt.

RICHMOND

Richmond's new coach Carl Sloane will have to find a replacement for two-time All-Southern Conference forward Aron Stewart (26.5). Otherwise, he inherits a solid club.

The attack will be built around a pair of 6-7 senior forwards, Bob McCurdy and Eric Gray. McCurdy averaged 17.6 points a game while Gray came in with a 16.0 norm.

Three guards are also back from the 16-12, Southern Conference runner-up team. They are 6-5 senior Steve Catlett (4.0), 6-1 junior Mike Sanford (2.4) and 6-2 Kevin Eastman (15.). Sophomore Chris Wright and freshman Bill Sutton should challenge for playing time.

Richmond's other frontliners include 6-5 senior Dave Williams (2.0), sophomore Steve McCurdy, a 6-8 center; Nate Sherman, up from the JV's; Doug Armstrong, a 6-5 transfer from Florida and freshman recruit 6-8 Ken Heilner.

EAST CAROLINA

East Carolina (13-12 overall, 8-6 in the Southern Conference) returns nine of 12 varsity players and three of five starters. And because of a free substitution, returning players have at least 275 minutes of play except one sophomore.

The returning starters include 6-3 sophomore guard Reggie Lee (11.6), 6-6 forward Robert Geter (8.6 points and 6.4 rebounds), and 6-1 senior guard Donnie Owens (7.7).

Larry Hunt, a 6-8 sophomore, 6-9 Henry Lewis, 6-6 Earl Garner, 6-6 Tom Marsh, 6-3 Gregg Ashorn and 6-7 Ken Hellstrom all have shots at starting positions. Lewis was a standout for Pensacola Junior College, the No. 1 ranked team in Florida.

Others who could see varsity time are lettermen Buzzy Braman, Ken Edmonds and Al Edwards, along with freshmen Wade Henkel, Dean Hartley and Erwin Durden.

New coach Dave Patton will find out quickly how good his team is. The club opens at North Carolina State and meets powerful Alabama before the conclusion of the first week of play.

WILLIAM & MARY

New head coach George Balanis, who took over for the final seven games last season, will have a youthful team at William & Mary.

Last year, the Indians went 9-18 for the year—Balanis was 3-4 as an interim coach.

Returning lettermen include 6-7 senior forward Gary Byrd (3.9), 6-11 junior center Matt Courage (7.0), 6-4 sophomore guard Ron Satterthwaite (11.2), 6-7 sophomore forward Jim McDonough (3.6) and 6-10 sophomore center Dennis Vail (4.6).

Toughest to replace will be Mike Arizen, the leading scorer with a 17.4 average. Arizen left school.

The fine incoming freshmen are 6-2 Danny Monckton, 6-5 Mike Enoch, 6-6 John Kratzer, 6-5 John Lowenhaupt and 6-8 Doug Myers.

"Our kids will play both ends of the court and they will concentrate on defense for the entire forty minutes," says Balanis. "We are going back to the fundamentals because it is there that you win games."

CITADEL

Citadel had problems winning on the road last year (1-10), but overall the Bulldogs had a very satisfying campaign. Starting only one player over 6-4, Citadel posted a 10.4 mark.

"We made a lot of strides and I think this year's team should be even better," says coach Georg Hill. "Defense will be the key to our success. We allowed only 69 points a game last season."

The top two scorers—Rodney McKeever and Arthur McGriff will return to lead the attack. McKeever hit for 15 points a game and led the club in assists with 88. McGriff scored at an 11.0 norm and pulled down 6.5 rebounds.

Richard Johnson, a 6-8 junior continued to show improvement, averaging 7.1 points and a club leading 7.0 rebounds. Ricky Day, a sophomore should move into the starting lineup. He chipped in with 5.3 points.

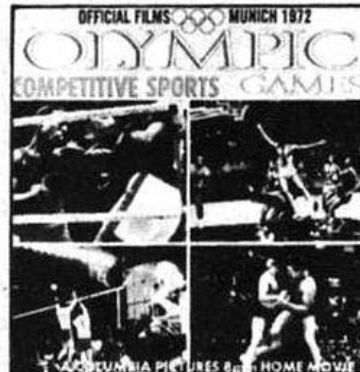
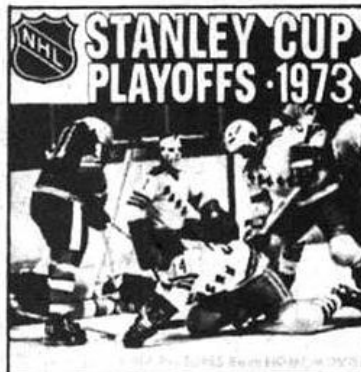
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VMI

Virginia Military Institute coach Bill Blair has done a remarkable job, considering the conditions he faces in recruiting prospective athletes. The Keydets have seven lettermen returning off a club which finished 6-18 last season.

Three freshmen played a prominent role and they'll form the nucleus of this year's team.

John Krovic, a 6-4 sophomore guard, led the team in scoring with a 14.4 average; 6-7 George Borojovich, hit for 7.2 points and 6-6 Will Bynum added 9.2 points and 5.2 rebounds.

Steve Chapin, a 6-7 junior, will man the center position. He averaged 8.4 points and grabbed 5.9 rebounds.

The fifth spot will likely be shared by 6-2 junior Curt Reppart (8.3) and 6-0 junior Gordie Rawlyk (4.8).

Blair added five excellent recruits, Ron Carter, Jim Crawford, Pat Kelley, Dave Slomski and Drew Stone.

APPALACHIAN STATE

With four of the top five scorers to go with a quartet of junior college transfers, Appalachian State should be able to improve on its 5-20 mark of a year ago.

Coach Press Maravich brought in four big men—6-7 Alan Baillie, 6-7 Kevin Donovan, 6-7 Donnie Stringfellow and 6-6 Prince Frazier—to go with holdover starters Dave Cook, Al Gentry and Mark Campbell.

Cook led the veterans with a 9.8 average and pulled down a club high of 7.5 rebounds. Gentry, a starter in the backcourt, connected for 8.2 points.

"We should be much stronger on the boards and the inside game should improve," says Maravich. "We'll miss Stan Davis, our leading scorer and team leader." Davis averaged 21.6 points and had a single game high of 56.

Others back to contend for positions are John Vukovich, Don Taylor, Sam Desnica, Kit Boone and Tim White.

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

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MURRAY STATE

Murray State lost two starters by graduation, but returning are three standouts led by 6-5 Mike Coleman, one of the nation's leading scorers last season (24.1).

He'll be joined by 6-6 forward Jesse Williams (10.7) and 6-0 guard Darnell Adell (7.0).

Also back are top reserves 6-6 Grover Woolard (7.6), 6-2 Henry Kinsey (3.6) and 6-6 T.C. Jamison (2.5).

New coach Fred Overton, who succeeded veteran Cal Luther, has to find a center to replace three-year starter Marcelous Starks. The most likely is 6-9 Larry Moffett, redshirted a year ago.

Zachery Blasingame, a 6-3 guard who sat out his freshman season with a knee injury, will be given a shot at winning a starting position.

Other returning squadmen are 6-5 guard Steve Bowers (2.0) and 6-2 guard Jeff Hughes (1.4).

Murray State finished 12-13 last season and tied for fifth place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Eastern Kentucky head basketball coach Bob Mulcahy returns three of the Colonels' top four scorers from a team which finished with an 8-15 overall and 6-8 Ohio Valley Conference record.

Leading the returnees will be 6-4 junior guard Carl Brown, an All-OVC selection last year, who averaged 17.1 points and 5.9 rebounds.

Also back to provide offensive firepower are 6-3 junior forward Jimmy Segar (13.1 points and 7.5 rebounds) and 6-3 sophomore Larry Blackford (10.7).

Howard Brown, a 6-8 junior who filled in at center as a reserve (4.6 points and 5.9 rebounds), figures to take over in the middle.

The only other Colonel who saw considerable action as a reserve is 6-5 senior forward Bob Watkins (3.5).

Mulcahy recruited five freshmen, including blue chip guards 5-9 Tyrone Davis and 6-3 Darryl Davis. The other yearlings are 6-6 Darryl Young, 6-8 Mike Oliver and 6-9 Bill Dwane.

MOREHEAD STATE

New coach Jack Schalow has only two starters back, so matching last year's 17-9 mark will take a minor miracle. The Eagles were hit hard by graduation, losing key performers, including Leonard Coulter.

Schalow inherited center 6-8 sophomore Ed Hundley (6.8) and 6-6 forward Arch Johnson (13.6) from the Ohio Valley Conference co-champions.

Also returning on the front line are part-time starter

6-8 senior George Williams (5.2) and 6-8 sophomore Ron Frederick (3.5). Freshman Ken Sansbury could also see action.

Schalow centered his recruiting in the backcourt and found three guards—6-1 Forrest Pearson and 6-4 Mike Russell, along with 5-11 Juco transfer Tony Hopson. They'll join holdovers 6-1 senior James Washington (5.2), 6-1 senior J. J. Farris (3.2) and 6-6 senior Gene Frye (1.6).

"We will be relying on young players in key positions," says the rookie coach. "I intend to stress defense and run with the ball on offense."

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Even with a solid nucleus of nine returning players, East Tennessee still lacks the good, big Pivotman necessary to challenge for the Ohio Valley Conference title.

The Buccaneers lost only three men from a team which was 8-18 overall and 3-11 in the conference.

Heading the list of returnees is 6-4 senior Morris Tampa, who was the top player by the end of last year and finished with a nine-point average. Also back for another season is 6-4 senior Kenny Reynold, who hit for 16.7 points over the last five games.

Charles Stuart, a 6-3 guard, and Ron Richardson, a 6-7 forward, both earned starting spots last year as freshmen. Bruce Curtis, a 5-9 guard, has another season of eligibility left.

Two big men who have potential are 6-8 sophomore Bob Brown and 6-8 senior Bert Frasure, who has played little due to injuries.

Best among the newcomers are 6-3 Steve Ferris, 6-7 Allen Fairfax, 6-4 Tom Terry and 6-2 Tim Mapes.

TENNESSEE TECH

Tennessee Tech enters the second year of a rebuilding project hoping to compliment the backcourt which developed last season. The Golden Eagles, who started almost from scratch, emerged from a 7-18 campaign with promise.

Frank Jones, a 6-2 junior guard, made the first team All-Ohio Valley Conference, averaging 19.4 points a game. The other backcourt regular is 6-0 sophomore Tony DiLeo, who averaged 4.6 points and 4.2 assists.

Coach Connie Inman is counting on 6-3 Jerry Mathews to bounce back from a knee injury and join newcomer 6-0 Bobby Estes in adding backcourt strength.

Progress on easing Tech's rebounding woes was hastened by a good recruiting year. The Eagles added 6-4 Willie Smith, 6-8 Bobby Porter and 6-9 Gary Walker.

They'll join holdover forwards 6-5 Clarence Brown, 6-6 Stan Cox and 6-5 Tom Schmidt along with centers 6-7 Randy Mehlon and Alton Roark. A bonus would be the return of 6-7 Larry Shade, out with a knee injury.



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EASTERN SMALLER SCHOOLS

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lettermen returning. However lack of an experience center will probably make it difficult to duplicate last year's 21-5 mark.

The top returnee is 6-1 sophomore guard Phil Walker (17.5), a first team All-Conference selection. He'll be joined in the backcourt by 6-0 junior Jim Baker.

At center, it's 6-5 senior Bill Zimmerman with 6-4 senior Steve Drummer and 6-2 senior Ray Davis at the forwards.

COAST GUARD

Coast Guard will be shooting for its first winning season in 18 years with coach Pete Broaca having the services of three starters.

Back are Dave Willhite and Joel Hendrix, both frontcourt performers and starting guard, Randy Brock.

Also returning are lettermen Bill Angel, Mike Karr, Rick Lynch, Mike Portelance, and Jim Weselcouch. Up from the JVs are Steve Haight and Bill Shultz.

GETTYSBURG

Gettysburg, with a lot of potential, ended with a disappointing 15-10 mark last year. Returning and forming the nucleus will be two starters and a sixth man.

Jeff Clark (16.7) points and 10.9 rebounds) and Dan Thompson (11.7 points) are the two returnees. Bob Groves, a 6-0 guard should move from his reserve role to a starting assignment.

John Shrom, a letterman, or sophomores Darrell Wildasin or Bruce Hager are other backcourt can-

BIG SKY CONFERENCE

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nor, son of the coach and the top prep player in Idaho last year.

Clyde Dickey 6-3 All Big Sky guard, will be the top loss for Boise State. He will most likely be replaced by 5-6 sophomore Alonzo Goggins who was redshirted last season.

Wilson is the leading scorer and rebounder among the returnees. He hit for 14.8 points and grabbed a team high 9.1 rebounds a game and hit .588 percent of his field goal attempts.

"We're going to have a quick team and I'm hopeful that our pressure defense can carry us a long way in the race," says Connor.

GONZAGA

The Bulldogs will be a question mark this season. Gone from a 13-13 team are two starters—including Stew Morrill, who was the top scorer and rebounder.

There is still considerable talent to work with for coach Adrian Buoncristiani. Returning at guard is 6-2 senior Kenny Tyler. He led the club in assists with 106 and finished second in scoring (12.7).

He'll most likely be joined by either 6-2 sophomore John Holstein, 6-5 junior college transfer Danny Lintner or 6-0 Prep All-American Eric Hovey.

At forward, starter Dwayne Jones (7.6), a 6-6 junior and senior Carl Minns (9.5), who stands 6-5

didates with Kevin Greener and Bill Horstmann possibilities at forward.

SHIPPENSBURG

With the entire squad returning, Shippensburg should be in the thick of the race for the Pennsylvania Conference championship. The Raiders compiled an 8-15 record last year with a team comprised mainly of frosh and sophomores.

Leading the team will be a 6-2 Joe Barlow (12.2 points and 8.4 rebounds). Top scorer Don King (13.9) returns as does backcourt mate Randy Stettler. Rounding out the top six is 6-6 forward Dale Reilly (9.9 points and 8.9 rebounds), 6-6 center Darrell Barrick and 6-3 Leroy Stowbridge.

BLOOMSBURG

Coach Charles Chronister has a big challenge ahead after losing three senior starters and a reserve from a 22-6 team which won the NCAA Mid-East Regional title.

Heading up the veterans are 6-5 sophomore Jerry Radocha (10.0) and 6-5 senior Gary Tyler. Senior Mike Ognosky in all probability will be the playmaker. Sophomore Rich Evans will also be a strong candidate for a starting role.

LOCK HAVEN

Three regulars plus six other lettermen return for Lock Haven this season. Gone, however, are the top two scorers and a four-year letterman guard.

Back are center Mike Bergeron, forward Hans Reimann and guard Mike Chancey.

Top newcomers will probably be 6-5 Tom Huff and up for the junior varsity 6-2 Paul Mooty.

Other returning lettermen include Mike Fitzgerald, Pat McClellan, Rick Miller, Frank Norris, Joe Sain and John Salley.

both return. In addition 6-7 Bob McIver and 6-4 senior Rich Wallace are also back. Sophomore Jim Grady, 6-7, led the JVs in rebounding, and he's a possibility.

Morrill's spot will be hard to fill. Redshirt Willie Moss, a 6-10 sophomore, will be challenged by 6-9 soph Reed Schifferman and 6-8 Juco transfer Jim Centers.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Led by the return of the top two scorers, Northern Arizona hopes to move up in the Big Sky Conference Race. The club was 6-20 overall and 3-11 in league play a year ago.

Heading the list of returnees is guard Pete Payne, who averaged 18.4 points, including a single game high of 31 against Idaho State. Dave Benning averaged 11.3 points and a club high 9.0 rebounds from his forward position.

The other corner spot will likely go to Keith Middleton who hit for 7.9 points and grabbed 7.3 rebounds.

Coach John Birkett recruited a group of big men, any of whom could step into starting spots. They include 6-6½ Mark Gosswiller, 6-6 David Hillman, 6-5 Tom DeBerry, 6-6 Paul Meade and 6-8 Terry Saufferer.

Also back are both centers from a year ago, Ken Jacobs, who averaged 4.2 points and Jeff Spencer (4.6).

IDAHO

Idaho doesn't figure to be a major contender for the Big Sky Conference championship this season. The Vandals have excellent talent returning, but not of the calibre of the strong teams in the league.

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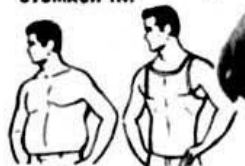
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who will probably join up with Jim Valentino, a 6-1 senior.

Roger Davis, a 6-9 senior, will be at center with 6-5 senior Bob Jorgensen and 6-5 Rick Nelson at the forwards.

Top performers lost through graduation included 6-7 Steve Ton and 6-2 Ty Fitzpatrick.

MONTANA STATE

Montana State had a relatively young squad a year ago and the team again will be tinged with youth as Rich Juarez begins his first season as the Bobcats' head coach.

WEST COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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can find consistency in the middle, may have the makings of a title contender.

Four returning starters head the group of seven lettermen who helped carry the Lions to a 15-12 mark.

The front line returns intact although Benaderet has indicated he'll try to open up the center spot for one of two transfers. The vets are 6-5 junior Lloyd McMillian (10.9), 6-5 senior Paul Sunderland (9.2) and 6-6 Brad Dean (12.6 points and 8.0 rebounds).

Sunderland may sit, opening up a spot for either 6-7 Don Jackson or 6-6 Jeff Wharton.

Luther Philyaw, a 6-2 junior (12.6) is set at one guard spot. The other is a toss-up among lettermen Ken Kincheloe and Louis Gray, Jeff Wharton (JVs leading scorer), transfer George Weider and freshman Stan Stewart.

ST. MARY'S

Experience will be the key to Frank LaPorte's St. Mary's team this year. After a 16-12 season, the Gaels will have back four returning starters as part of a veteran team which includes seven seniors, five juniors and two sophomores.

The veteran team, which produced St. Mary's first winning season since 1962, should have 6-0 Maurice "Mo" Harper and 6-5 Mark Viera at the guards. Ralph Walker—a Juco transfer—and 6-8 Mike Rozenski will be at the forwards and 6-9 Craig Casault at center.

Harper averaged 17.1 points a game, followed by Rozenski with 13.0 and Casault (10.0). Casault led the club with 9.1 rebounds a game.

Walker, known at "The Rocket", is a 6-3 leaper who averaged 20 points and 14 rebounds in the Juco ranks.

Other lettermen include 6-8 Joe Appel, 6-3 Rick Bernard, 6-6 Nate Carroll, 6-7 Kent Sluiter and 6-8 Chris Thode.

NEVADA-RENO

Nevada-Reno coach Jim Padgett established respectability last year and now he's shooting for a .500 record. The Wolf Pack were 11-15 and have nine lettermen returning.

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

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Steve Brooks, who was the Southland Conference's MVP. Coach John Rose believes either 6-8 Dan Henderson or 6-8 JC transfer Bob Gilbert will provide relief.

Three starters are gone from an 11-15 team. Realizing he needed immediate help, Juarez recruited four junior college players and only two freshmen.

There are only two seniors on the squad—6-6 Craig Buehler, a two-year starter, and 6-6 Rocky Tollefson.

Likely to join Buehler (8.8) at forward are either letterman Randy Rucker and Ben Zimmerman or junior college transfers Mike Kluge or Rusty Smith. Brian Donovan, a freshman, has loads of talent. Daryl Ross, 6-8, and Bruce Smith, 6-11, will share the duties at center.

The top four guards are 6-1 Kirk Rocheleau, 5-7 Keith Byrd, 6-1 Paul Kinne and 6-3½ Gary Juniel.

Heading up the attack is 6-8½ All-WCAC Pete Padgett. Junior Padgett with 14.1 points was fifth nationally in rebounding with 15.1 a game. Two years ago as a freshman Padgett pulled down 17.8 caroms, which was third best.

The Pack will have good strength at the forward with the addition of junior college transfers 6-7 Kevin Goetz and 6-6 Perry Campbell.

Anchoring the backcourt is 6-4 sophomore Joey Schmidt. An excellent ball handler and passer, he averaged 5.8 points. Joining Schmidt will be 6-foot Juco transfer Bob Hagler. Mike Larrios who averaged 3.4 points is another possibility.

SANTA CLARA

Santa Clara, which lost only two lettermen, will have seven seniors spearheading a club which attempts to better the 9-18 mark of 1973-74.

Leading the vets are Ramel Diggs, a 6-8 senior, who topped the Broncos in scoring (12.7); 6-6 senior Jerry Bellotti (10.1), 6-4 sophomore Vester Robinson (12.6) and 6-6 junior forward Glen Hubbard (11.9).

Bellotti, who led his team in assists, was the MVP. Robinson topped freshman varsity players in District "8" scoring.

Other vets back are 6-1 senior Jerry Piro, 6-1 senior K. C. Jackson, 6-1 Jim Romey and 6-1 Doug Coward.

The center spot remains a question mark with 6-10 Ed McPheeter, 6-11 Scott Reider and 6-10 freshman Korky Nelson among the candidates.

Three other good freshman prospects should give the returnees plenty of competition. They are 6-1 Eddie Joe Chavez, 5-11 Mike Leslie and 6-4½ Dan Malane. Another possibility is 6-8 Mark Bruening.

PACIFIC

Coached by Stan Morrison, Pacific may be headed for the bottom of the West Coast Athletic Conference this season. The Tigers, who only a few short years ago enjoyed the glory days with John Gianelli, have a young, inexperienced team.

The primary loss from last year's team is 6-2 guard John Errecart, captain and leader. That role will now be assumed by Gary Dean, a 6-5 senior. He'll be joined by either Ron James, Bruce Palmer or Jim Weymouth.

At the low post, the battle will be between 6-8 senior Chad Meyer and 6-11 Tim Halemeier. Vic Baker, a 6-5 sophomore, should have a lock on the high spot.

The point guard spot is up for grabs among 5-11 junior Leonard Armato and 5-10 senior Warren LeGarie.

There are no problems in the backcourt. Don Scife, who has averaged 21.3 and 18.5 points the last two seasons, will team with playmaker J.H. Williams.

Two-year letterman Schuler Rowland, red-shirted last season with an injury after scoring 12.5, is earmarked for one forward spot, with returning starter Jay Harbison and lettermen Stan Jamerson and Hollis Owens chief contenders for the other.

Lettermen guards Gary Adams and David Bettis could see action as well as transfer Calvin Brawley and soph Bill Wiechman.

MIDWEST INDEPENDENT MAJORS

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Williams might also play forward, where he could team with Mike Artis (6-1) or 6-5½ Ron Hightower, who was averaging 10.8 points and 6.5 rebounds when felled by a knee injury in the third game last year.

Other returning lettermen include 6-8 Paul Fazekas, 6-2 Greg Goodman, 6-7½ Joe Stalma and 6-5½ Joe Stallworth.

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ILLINOIS STATE

Illinois State just might have the best collection of natural basketball talent of any team in the nation. Whether or not the Redbirds can play together as a team will determine their ultimate success this season.

Coach Will Robinson has a backcourt which rate: with any. Robert "Bubbles" Hawkins, who averaged 18.6 points, including a school single game record of 58 points, returns for his junior year along with 6-2 senior Rick Whitlow, who led the club with a 21.8 norm. Roger Powell, a 6-5 junior, who might move to a starting spot at forward, averaged 13.5 points, both as a starter and reserve.

The Redbirds lost their top rebounder Ron deVries (14.3) through graduation, but Robinson recruited a player who ranks as among the three best young centers in the country. Cyrus Mann, a 6-10 center, can shoot, rebound and block shots. He'll be backed up by 6-7, 230-pound Calvin Harper.

Mann will play one post position with 7-0 junior college transfer Jeff Wilkins moving in at the other spot. Billy Lewis, an All-American prep player out of Chicago (6-7) is the other likely frontcourt starter.

The Jones boys, Jeff and Richard, are capable reserves.

NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame figured to be one of the premier teams in the nation this season. Then John Shumate (24.2) decided to forego a year of eligibility and Gary Brokaw (17.1) signed to play with the Milwaukee Bucks.

Suddenly what was to have been a veteran ball club will now be a youthful team with heavy reliance on several new recruits.

Two sophomores—6-5 Adrian Dantley and 6-5 Bill Paterno—figure to be the starting forwards.

Dantley is a truly talented performer. He averaged 18.3 points a game, hitting .558 of his field goal attempts. He had an individual game high of 41 against West Virginia. Paterno scored at a 7.7 norm while being utilized as both a starter and top reserve.

The Irish will be deep at guard. Returning are senior Dwight Clay and sophomore Ray Martin. Clay, who short-ended UCLA's 88-game winning streak, averaged 7.7 points and led the team with 136 assists. A sometime starter at point guard, Martin totaled 58 assists and averaged 3.2 points. Also back are reserves Bill Drew, Dave Kuzmich and Tom Varga.

Pete Crotty, a starter two years ago and sophomore Toby Knight will battle incoming freshman 6-10 Dave Batton for the center position. Also in contention are Myron Schuckman and Roger Anderson.

Three other frosh could see lots of action. They are Donald "Duck" Williams, Randy Haefner and Jeff Carpenter.

DE PAUL

One of the real "sleeper" teams in the country this season could be DePaul. The Blue Demons, coached by Ray Meyer, return for starters, have a strong bench and picked up several superb freshmen.

Returning from last year's 16-9 squad are front line performers Bill Robinzine and Andy Pancrantz. Robinzine, a 6-7 senior, averaged 16.8 points and 10 rebounds, while Pancrantz, a 6-9 junior, scored nine points and grabbed eight caroms.

Ready to step in center is 6-11 prep All-American Dave Corzine, who was outstanding in the tough Chicago summer league. Some scouts say Corzine has "Bill Walton potential."

The guard situation is great with 6-1 senior Jim Bocinsky and 5-9 senior Greg Boyd, who averaged 13.8 and 15.8 points a game, respectively.

The nucleus is rounded off by a sound bench led by 6-9 Rich Sloger, 6-7 Roman Sukley and 6-5 Al Baris, all seniors.

Other outstanding newcomers include 6-5 Joe Ponsetto, Ron Norwood and Randy Hook.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Southern Illinois will build its squad around its multi-talented 6-11 senior center Joe Meriweather as it attempts to improve on a 19-7 mark and possibly earn a post season tournament berth.

The senior, who played on the U.S. national team this past summer and was a first round draft choice of the ABA's Utah Stars, averaged 21.2 points, 14.7 rebounds and hit on 59 percent of his field goal attempts last year.

He'll be joined by Corky Abrams, a 6-7 sophomore who hit for 7.7 points and grabbed 8.8 rebounds a game. The other corner spot could go to junior college transfer, 6-6 Mark Turner or one of two "swing" letterwinners, Perry Hines (8.3) or Shag Nixon (5.7).

Coach Paul Lambert also has letterman Dave Montfort and transfer Charles Hughlett (second semester) on hand to supply additional depth.

One guard spot is set with 6-3 sophomore Mike Glenn, who averaged 15.2 points, making 54 percent of his shots from the floor. The other position is up for grabs among Juco transfer Kern McKelvey, lettermen Ricky Boynton and Tom Harris, and 6-4 freshman Milton Huggins, who led all prep scorers in Georgia with a 33.9 average.

DAYTON

Two starters, including sophomore all-American candidate Johnny Davis, will return from the team that was 20-9 a year ago and took UCLA into three overtime periods before finally losing.

Davis, as a freshman led the Flyers in assists with 118 (4.1) and was third in scoring with a 14.3 mark.

Joining Davis as a returning starter is 6-8 senior forward Allen Elijah who led Dayton in rebounding with 10 a game and was forth in scoring (10.7).

Two other players who saw considerable action late in the season also are back—6-8 senior center Joe Fisher (5.1) and 6-5 senior forward Jim Testerman.

Other lettermen returning will be 6-4 junior guard Leighton Moulton and 6-7 forward Jerome Holland.

Coach Don Donohoe is hoping help will come from freshman 6-4 Joe Siggins, 6-2 Greg Holloway, 6-9 Terry Ross and 6-7 Ervin Giddings.

MARSHALL

In an effort to make Marshall a unit of post season tournament calibre, coach Bob Daniels will need to blend the services of three starters from last year's 17-9 club, a host of returning front line reserves and five new faces.

The three starters are 6-0 junior guard Joe Hickman (6.5), 6-5 senior forward Jack Battle, the team's leading rebounder (10.4) and second leading scorer (14.3) and 6-5 sophomore forward Earl Williams, who moved up to the varsity and final eight games last season.

Hickman, who suffered from shoulder problems will face the challenge of Charlie Novak and Tim Meadows for the point guard spot.

Reserve help at forward could come from lettermen 6-6 Frank Austin, 6-6 Dave Mastropaolo and 6-5 Pete Polo. Newcomer 6-7 Jim Shivers is another possibility.

The key to Marshall's success may lie in the center position. Batting for the berth are 6-7 senior Chuck Jackson and 6-8 junior Kim Humphreys.

Daniels can also turn to 6-8 junior college transfer Bob Williams or 6-8½ freshman Mike Marz.

The big guard position is a toss up among Kenny Hurst, Steve Zemba and 6-4 freshman Frank Steele.


LOYOLA (CHICAGO)

Led by eight lettermen including three solid starters, Loyola (Chicago) figures to have a winning mark after last season's 12-14 record.

Coach George Ireland, starting his 24th year, may


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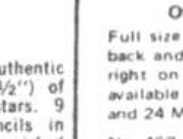
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abandon his three-guard offense because of the presence of some big, strong newcomers like 6-6 Ralph Wallot, a transfer, and freshman recruits 6-6 Rodney Callahan, 6-7 Lance Reilmann and 6-5 Gary Feiereisel.

Certain to hold down one spot up front is 6-9 senior forward John Davis, who chipped in with 11.3 points and 7.6 rebounds a game. Other possibilities are 6-6 Don Demkiw (1.2) and 6-8 junior Lloyd Winston (1.6).

Tony Parker, last year's leading scorer with 445 points, a 17.1 average, heads up the backcourt. John Willey, a 6-footer and part time starter (7.0) is his other likely starter.

"We will be a quicker team this year than in the past," concedes Ireland, who led the Ramblers to an NCAA title during the 1960s. "Defense is going to win games for us."

Other guard candidates are Bill Durkin (1.4), Dane Edley (2.8), Jack McShea, plus freshman Steve Goebel and junior college transfer Rodney Gaddy.

CLEVELAND STATE

The return of Ted Hathaway and Gale Drummer, averaging 23.6 points a game and 22.6 points a game, respectively, when felled by academic problems at mid-semester last year, augers well for Cleveland State.

In addition, Frank Ayers, Western Michigan's Most Valuable Player two years ago (15 points and 11 rebounds) figures to step into a starting assignment at center.

Coach Ray Dieringer's club was 5-20 last year, so a vast improvement is expected. Wilbur Starks, who hit for 14.5 points a game—26.1 over a seven game stretch, also returns after missing the latter half of the 1973-74 campaign with a knee injury.

Drummer and Ayers will likely be joined on the front line by 6-5 junior college transfer Larry Croom

with Hathaway and 6-0 Chuck Spieles (6.0) at the guards. Starks will serve as the sixth man.

At mid-semester, the Vikings figure to become even stronger with the addition of 6-9 Dave Kyle, 6-0 former Ohio All-State guard Joe Guilfoyle and 6-4 Joe Schaefer.

Dieringer also added 6-0 Jeff Solomon, one of the most sought after guards in Ohio last season.

BUTLER

Reconstruction of the front line is the main objective for Butler coach George Theofanis this season. The first Butler coach to have back-to-back winning seasons in 10 years, Theofanis lost only two players from the 1973-74 squad—but they were key ones.

Only 6-7 Craig Reinhardt has proven front line credentials and he averaged only 2.5 points per game.

A pair of transfers will have first shots at the vacant positions. The center should be 6-9 Dave Downing, who starred at Mississippi before returning to his home state. The other job might go to 6-7 Barry Collier, a Juco transfer.

Theofanis also picked up some outstanding freshmen recruits like 6-8 Doug Pollock, 6-8 Jeff Fehn, 6-9 Larry Lubs and Jon and Don McGlocklin nephews of the Milwaukee Bucks' star.

The backcourt is well fortified with vets, including six lettermen. Topping the list is 6-4 junior Jeff Williams, who averaged 12.0 points a game and 5-10 Wayne Burris, who broke the school's freshman scoring record (11.7). Carl Lile, John Dunn, Dave Speckman and Kyle Eggert are proven guards.

EVANSVILLE

Evansville will enter its 29th season under coach Arad McCutchan looking for a sixth additional title.

Last season, the Purple Gang ended 19-9, copped the Indiana Collegiate Conference crown for the 14th

time and took third place in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional.

Returning are seven lettermen. Best of the group are 6-7 sophomore forward Jeff Frey (9.6 points and 6.5 rebounds), 6-7 junior forward Don Wheeler (9.1) and 6-3 junior guard Ed Shelby (8.9).

Other leading candidates for starting berths include senior center Mark Helfrich (5.2 points and a team leading 7.2 rebounds), and senior forward Roger Duncan (6.4).

The other guard spot? Four are eligible: Sophomores Mike Platt, Mark Bailin and Mike McKissic and incoming freshman 6-4 Scott Johnson.

McCutchan has compiled a record of 466-280 in taking five championships. He is among the winningest active coaches in the game.

ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)

Despite the return of five lettermen, including Jim Thordson, a Little-All American center, St. Joseph's success could ultimately depend on the progress of several freshman and further development of returning non-letter reserves.

Led by Thordson, a 6-6 senior center, the Pumas were 20-10 a year ago and champions of the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional. He was the MVP in the Indiana Collegiate Conference for the second straight year, averaging 25.9 points and 8.5 rebounds.

Kyle Wiggs, a 6-6 junior, is back at one forward spot. He scored at a 10.4 norm and was the team's leading rebounder (9.4). Alan Rockwell, a 6-5 senior and top reserve last season, figures to move into the lineup. He hit for 8.5 points per outing.

Greg Stegemen and Ron Johnson, a pair of 6-6 sophomores, saw extensive duty in 1973-74 and will be counted on to provide solid reserve help.

There are two lettermen at guard—6-0 senior George Mills (5.0) and 6-3 junior Pete Santana (2.9). They'll face challenges from non-letter winners Jerry



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Klamrowski, Jim Matej, Brett Huun, Bob Carr and Tim Schiel. Freshman Duane Gray or junior college transfer Charles Hickman are other possibilities.

DE PAUW

DePauw basketball coach Elmer McCall begins his 17th season with nine players who started at one time or another on last year's 5-20 team.

Big men returning include 6-7 Orrin Bargerhuff (4.9), 6-5 Steve McCabe (11.1), 6-6 Joe Jessup (7.1), 6-6 Bob Allen (7.0) and 6-9 Dave Pluto (6.3).

None of the big men showed consistent scoring potential—Jessups' 16-game spurt against St. Joseph's was the single game high and a .424 shooting percentage was best among the group.

In the backcourt, McCall returns 6-1 Tom Netzel (4.1), 6-0 Mark Emkes (6.4) and possibly 6-3 Joe Lefevre (10.1). Lefevre had Hodgkins Disease and his availability is still in question.

Sophomore likely to help DePauw try to end four straight losing seasons are 6-7 Rick Huser, 6-5 Ed Hackney, 6-3 Mike Seller, 6-2 Mike Bevis and 6-1 Randy Wells.

The incoming freshmen include Mike Luegers, Bill Caskey, Doug Phillips, Rick Gilland and Tom Madden.

VALPARAISO

With only one player lost to graduation—guard John Semmelhack—Valparaiso figures to improve on its 15-11 mark of a year ago. The four returning starters, center Joel Oberman (19.0), forward Jeff Holmes (13.3) and Mark Kassner (10.1) and guard Rick Bell (11.8) should provide excellent scoring power.

Three other seniors, Chris Lajcin, Don Hoerl and Mark Peters will be counted on to provide reserve help as will sophomores 6-8 Bob Dewey and 6-4 forwards Dan Roark and Greg Parris.

Six outstanding freshmen could also be a factor for the Crusaders. They are 6-10 Brock Bentson, 6-7 Ken Kremer, 6-6 Peter Schmelzer, 6-6 Darryl Ashby, 6-6 Tim Kiser and 5-11 Tim Hostetler.

Valparaiso doesn't believe in preparing for the league season with "easy games." The Crusaders open the campaign with Notre Dame and Illinois.

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ing to forward. There are also a couple of natural forwards in 6-7 Gerald Thomas and 6-7 Rob McCarter.

In the scramble for the guard spots are 6-5 Pat Manahan, 6-4 Mike Steele, and 6-1 Dick Satterfield.

There's a good group of freshmen, headed by Wayne Walls and Eugene Parker. Others are Walter Jordan, Mark Barnhizer and Mike White.

MICHIGAN

Michigan raced to a 22-5 record last year, a share of the Big Ten championship and the finals of the Midwest Regional, so the future should be bright, especially since only one starter is gone. But that one man is Campy Russell and his departure should cause headaches for coach John Orr.

Russell, who averaged 23.7 points and 11.1 rebounds, passed up his final year of play to join the pros. He was the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player, the Outstanding Player in the Regional and an All-American.

The four starters back are center C. J. Kupec, forward Wayman Britt and guards Steve Grote and Joe Johnson.

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6-6 Larry Parker, 6-6 Nate Washington, 6-3 Scott
Thompson and 5-11 Larry Moore, and sophomores 6-2
John Hairston and 6-5 Leon Thomas.

Of the returning vets, Hairston has the most im-
pressive credentials. He averaged 7.8 points a game.
Parker, Washington and Thompson were frequent
starters while Gatens and Thomas were used mainly in
reserve roles. Moore sat out last year after winning a
letter in his freshman season.

Three junior college transfers and three high school
standouts will all have good shots at winning starting
berths.

All three JC transfers are from California. Dan Frost,
6-7, and Cal Wulfsberg played at Long Beach City
College and 6-8 Fred Haberecht at Rio Hondo. Terry
Drake, 6-7, earned prep honors, as did 7-0 Keith
Rahtert and 6-8 Ivory Ward, the latter Los Angeles City
Player-of-the-Year.

OHIO STATE

Ohio State's basketball team returns six lettermen,
including the top three scorers from a 9-15 team.
There are only three freshmen signees, so the
Buckeyes will be short on manpower.

Bill Andreas, 6-7, who averaged 15.6, will be team-
ed at forward with Steve Wenner, 6-6, who averaged
10.2. At center will be Craig Taylor, 6-10, who averag-
ed 6.1 per game.

Larry Bolden, 6-0, with an average of 12.3 per con-
test will be one guard, while two freshmen, 6-3 Jud
Wood and 6-1 Mark Bayless, figure to battle for the
other spot.

There is little in the way of reserve strength. Dan
Weston, 6-4, who played in only three games last year
because of a knee injury, is a possible swing man and
another hopeful is 6-6 freshman forward Terry Burris.

Based upon last year, the Buckeyes need many
things; scoring power, court leadership, rebounding
strength and poise. Taylor showed marked improve-
ment toward the end of the campaign, while Andreas
figures to become more offensive minded.

Coach Fred Taylor is set to suffer through another,
long agonizing season.

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

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will not have a true postman to count on. But the last
time it happened Coach Lou Henson took the team to
the NCAA playoffs.

Heading the list of players Henson has to work
with is 6-8 senior Jim Bostic, who hit for 10.6 points a
game. He's likely to move from forward to center this
season.

Also back is the team's quarterback for the past
two years, 6-2 Steve White. He scored at a 6.4 clip.

The third starter is 6-3 sophomore Richard Robin-
son, the premier defensive performer who hit at an 8.4
norm.

Lettermen up front for the Aggies will include 6-6
junior Russell Letz, 6-8 junior Bob Dvorak, 6-4 Junior
Bill Allen and 6-5 senior Alan Graham. The Aggie
backcourt will be bolstered by the return of 5-10
junior sparkplug John DiBiase, 6-3 sophomore Dexter
Hawkins and 6-3 George Pannell.

Newcomers who could lend a hand are 6-5 junior
Ricky Gibson, 6-6 sophomore Jim Dove and 5-9
freshman Danny Lopez.

DRAKE

New coach Bob Ortelgel will build his first Drake
team around seven lettermen, including four starters.
The Bulldogs hope to rebound from last year's 13-13
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Ron Caldwell, a 6-3 senior, and Norton Fleming, a



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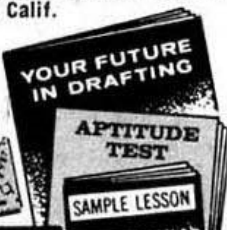
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6-2 senior head a list of seven guard candidates. Caldwell is the key. He averaged only 9.0 points per contest, but added a record 140 assists. Fleming chipped in with 7.3 points.

Other backcourt possibilities are 6-3 Shannon Kennedy, 6-2 Napoleon Gaither and 6-2 Terry Benka.

Leading scorer Larry Haralson, sometime starter Terry McKissick and sophomore Ken Harris lead the forward contingent. Haralson, a 6-9 senior, 15.6 points and 7.1 rebounds, hitting 52 percent of his field goal attempts.

Three centers return in 6-9 Andy Graham, 6-9 Paul Mellen and 6-8½ Tony Norwood. Graham started most of the way last year and led the club in rebounding (8.8).

The recruits provide size in 6-11½ Rod Littlepage, 6-7 Gregory Johns, and 6-7 Raymond Watson, along with 6-2 guard Ron Clarkson.

TULSA

Replacing All-American guard Willie Biles and all-star Sammy High will not be an easy chore for Tulsa. Biles rewrote the school scoring records and both were drafted.

With Biles and High gone, 40 points and 15 rebounds a game will have to be replaced. Tulsa will have three starters and a couple of part-timers.

Ken "Grasshopper" Smith will return at one forward spot. He averaged 14.3 points and 8.3 rebounds. Bob Okrzesik (4.9), voted the top defensive player of the team will be at one guard with crafty Tim Carson (7.7) at the other. Allen Blackmon and Zack Jones have had starting status at the forward and center spots and should offer more valuable experience.

Other seasoned returnees include guard Mike Dobbins and forward Dan O'Leary. Jimmy Edelen, Artie McLroy, Darrel Johnson and Jimmy Bishop step up from the JVs.

Four recruits—6-10 Zack Adams, and 6-8 Tommy Vincent plus Leon Alvoid and Mark Tucker—should provide additional strength.

WEST TEXAS STATE

Coach Ron Ekker guided West Texas State to an 11-15 mark, including a surprising 5-8 record in the Missouri Valley Conference.

With five starters returning off the team, Ekker is hoping to have his club move into the Conference's first Division.

Leading the returnees are a pair of second team All-MVC performers, 6-8 junior Reginald Ramey (17.5 points and 8.7 rebounds), and 6-4 senior guard Joe Cozey (12.8).

To go with the starters are some excellent recruits. The prizes are four 6-6 players, two of whom are junior college transfers. Lettermen Mark Mayberry and Bruce Taylor saw plenty of action last year and will see more this year.

The Jucos' Eugene Smith and Otis Young will contend strongly for starting berths at forward, as will freshman William Dise. Willie Glover, the other 6-6 frosh, will provide depth at the center position. Should Eugene Smith, Young and Dise progress quickly, starting forward Dallas Smith will probably be moved to center to battle Ramey for a regular position.

WICHITA STATE

Wichita State lost five of its top eight to graduation and will have to rely on new faces and players with minimal experience to carry the load in 1974-75.

Fred Holmes, a 6-7 senior, sparked at times and has proved himself as the team leader. Holmes, along with 6-10 Bob Elmore, should provide the Shocks with a couple of big men to build around. Elmore, a sophomore, missed almost all of last season due to a foot injury.

Wichita should also get quite a bit of play from juniors Calvin Bruton, Neal Strom and Doug Yoder. Bruton's 11.3 average is the best among the returnees. Strom, who is 6-7, came on during the latter half of the season to average 7.8—hitting .562 of his attempts.

Other returning lettermen include 6-6 Jim McCullough, 6-5 Mike Edgar and 6-4 Ed Marks.

Among coach Harry Miller's signees are 6-2 Willard Tsingine, 6-6 Donald Battee and 6-9 Mike Harris.

6-5 forward Farold Jackson will be returning as will 6-5 forward James Warren, 6-1 guard Richard Martin (11.0) and 6-0 guard Randy Leasley (9.4).

Top rookies for the Texans will be All-Stater Randy Spain, 6-6 forward and John Turnage, 6-6 guard/forward.

TSU finished 10-23 last season.

MIDWESTERN

Midwestern welcomes back four starters from a team which reached the quarter-finals and posted a 30-7 record.

The big star is 6-6 Isaac DeVore. He'll be joined by LeRoy Shaw, John Atchan and Bob Burg.

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FAR WEST INDEPENDENTS

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Greg Bell, who started the season at forward and was later moved to the backcourt, returns as a starting guard. An excellent defender, he scored at an 8.4 norm.

Sophomore forward Dave Brown, who saw limited action last season, could challenge for a starting job along with 6-9 transfer Don Ford.

Other newcomers who could help are 6-10 John Service, 6-7 Jeff Lipscomb and backcourt ace Andy Oliveira. The three freshmen recruits are Richard Ridgeway, Gregg Okada and Mark Camparero.

PORTLAND STATE

After improving Portland State's record to 16-11 with only two varsity returnees, coach Ken Edwards' Vikings will take dead aim at a 20-win campaign this time around. Only one player is missing.

Edwards is confident that he has replaced 6-4 captain Ed Buchanan with first team All-City Los Angeles prep star Freeman Williams.

Familiar faces back are 6-2 forward Frank "Captain Sky" Williams, who led the club with 237 rebounds and was second in scoring (12.2); 6-5 guard Ken Cobb (11.3); 6-5 forward-center James Mason (9.7); and 6-5 forward Derrick Brooks (8.9).

Edwards, a disciple of Jerry Tarkanian at Long Beach State and a top recruiter for LA State, implemented the tough zone defense in PSU's first ever wins over Gonzaga and Los Angeles State.

Other returnees are Charles Channel, Tyree Foster, Duane Reed, Chuck Smith, John Rhode, Tim Call and Kevin McVicker.

SOUTHWEST INDEPENDENTS

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Centenary's four new recruits are 6-6 Bobby White, 6-1 LeRoy Higgs, 5-11 Randy Tilner and 6-4 Sam Roberts.

PAN AMERICAN

Coach Abe Lemons is rebuilding in his second season at Pan American, which led to the best turnaround by any major independent a year ago.

The Broncos went 13-9, an improvement of .437 percentage points over their pre-Lemons year. They also produced the NCAA's No. 2 scorer in Bruce King (31.0) and No. 2 rebounder Carlos McCullough (16.3).

Only returning regular for Pan American will be 5-10 Jesus (Chuy) Guerra, who averaged 14.4 points, second to King. Top newcomers are 6-2 guard Marshall Rogers and four tall Junior College transfers, all candidates for the front line.

They are John McDowell, Steve Washington and Willie Rimmer, all 6-6, and Gilbert King (no relation to Bruce) who is 6-5.

"We'll be a competitive team by the first of the year," says Lemons. "Until then, we could have a lot of problems winning some games. It's going to be a tough haul to match last season's mark."

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Coach Lonnie Richards has three outstanding players around which to build his club for the coming season. Up front are 6-7 junior Ray Prejan at forward and 6-11 junior Robert Paige at center.

The backcourt is built around high scoring 6-1 junior Terry Garner 15.0 points a game.

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HARDIN-SIMMONS

This will be a rebuilding year for coach Russell Berry, whose Hardin-Simmons team has been a pleasant surprise in each of his first two years at the helm.

"We are going to be young and basically inexperienced," says Berry. "Somehow, somebody is going to have to step in at center and pick up the rebounding and scoring done the past few seasons by 6-10 Harvey Catchings."

The club will be built around 6-5 Keith Lewis, 6-4 Melvin Cole, 6-3 John Molpus, 6-8 Mitch Henderson and 6-0 Donny Kliever.

"This is a team that's going to have to go out on the court and scrap for a win," Berry continues. "We just don't have that dominating type of player like Catchings."

FAR WEST SMALLER SCHOOLS

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who could provide immediate help. They are 6-5 forward Wayne Smith, 6-4 guard Steve Cleveland and 6-3 guard Nate Jones.

With a good nucleus of players returning, coach Tim Tift is looking forward to a fine season.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON

The return of all five starters makes the future bright for Central Washington's coach Dean Nicholson.

The Wildcats will return 6-0 Tim Sandberg (13.7), 6-0 Steve Page (12.7), 6-4 Mike Mann (5.9), 6-7 Dave McDow (5.9) and 6-5 Les Wyatt (13.1 points and 7.6 rebounds).

MIDLAND SMALLER SCHOOLS

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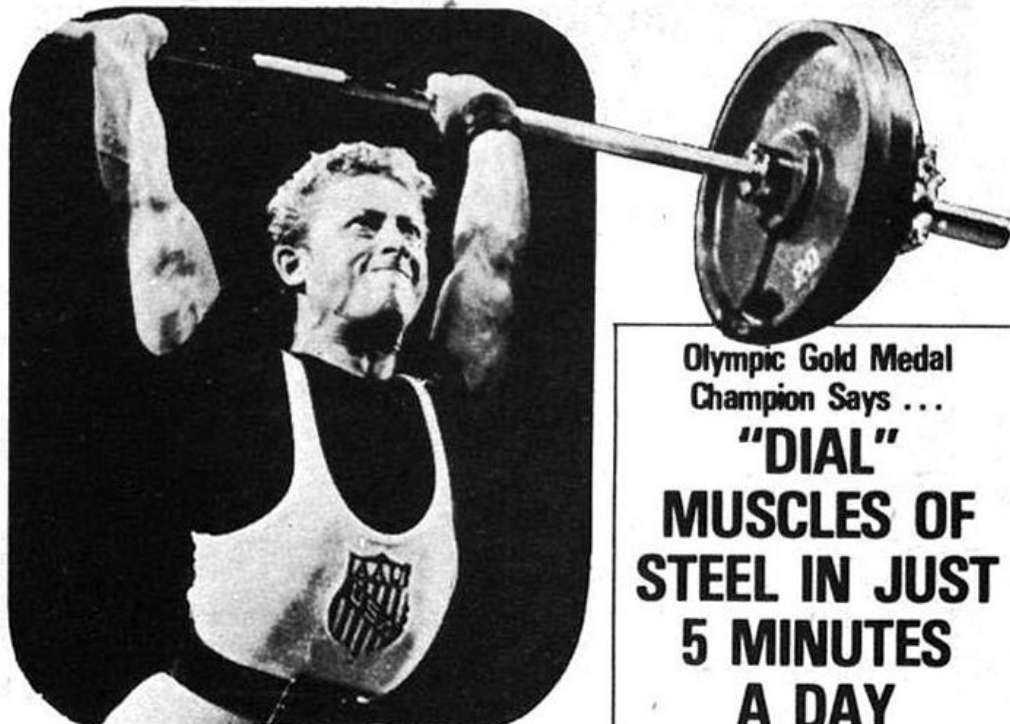
Coach Ken Cochran's team will be led by its dynamic duo of 6-4 Jim Hearn and 6-7 Sylvester Cuyler.

The club should make it to Kansas City this season and have a shot at going far in the tournament.

MOUNT MARTY

Mount Marty is a budding basketball power in the Dakotas. The club, led by its one-two punch of 6-1 senior Stan Heath and 6-2 junior Chuck Brewer, could be a darkhorse candidate in the NAIA 12 playoffs.

Other top performers are 5-10 senior Bryce Jung, and 6-4 junior Fred Love.



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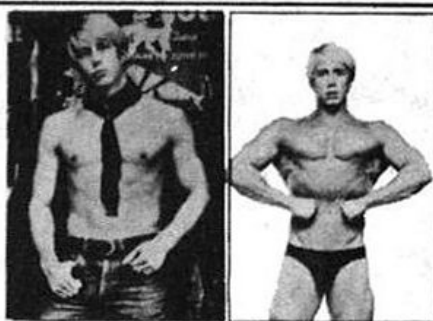
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NEW ENGLAND SMALL SCHOOLS

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Last year's starting backcourt tandem of Phil Nastu (9.5) and Bill Rayder (7.5) remains intact and polished after a year of extensive play.

In Paul Zeiner, Allen Bakunas, and Colin Francis, Coach Webster has three recruits who are expected to play lead roles next season.

STONEHILL

Having graduated eight starters in the past two years, Chieftains' Coach Jim Dougher faces a massive rebuilding job. Only junior guard Joe Cullinan, a two year starter, is sure of a job.

Two of last year's crack Frosh 5-8 starters Steve Dennis and 6-4 Tom Lavan will get job competition from this year's frontcourt freshmen Al Eford and Pete Jeremich, both 6-7.

Almost a certain starter is Henry Hollingsworth, a 6-0 freshman recruit. Reserve senior guard, Dennis Gaffney (6-1) must battle three freshmen for the other guard spot.

AMHERST

With eight returning lettermen and some talented players moving up from the freshman squad, Coach Richard Wilson expects his Amherst team to improve on last season's disappointing 6-12 record.

This year's Lord Jeff squad will be built around the scoring combination of 6-3 junior forward Frank Griffin (13.4) and sophomore James Rehnquist (6-2) who paced the frosh with an average of 25 points per game. They will be backed up by 6-7 junior Robert Schimmel and three promising sophs, Dave Protiva (6-4), Jon Gross (6-4) and Dave McDowell (6-2).

Leading candidates for the backcourt positions are senior co-captains Dave Hixon (6-0) and Charles Smalls (6-1) and juniors Jon Coffin and Tony Jackson.

MIDWEST SMALLER SCHOOLS

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ASHLAND

Ashland looks forward to another big season as Coach Joe Gottfried returns seven veterans from last year's 16-9 team, plus an outstanding crop of recruits.

Kirk Minter (5.4) returns to one starting guard and Rick Mosier should handle the other. Another possibility is 6-1 Stan Hall and possibly 6-3 Jeff Nicholl.

The rest of the club remains the same with 6-4 Randy Emmons (13.0) 6-7 John Mongerson (6.7), 6-5 Roger Remenaric (6.7) and 6-6½ Mariel Rogers (10.3). The man who could make the Eagles go is 6-7 newcomer Rich Steineman.

WHITEWATER

Whitewater has been chasing Eau Claire the last couple of years in District 14 play. This season the Warhawks might be able to overtake their bitter rivals.

Coach Eli Crogan will go with the Grimes boys, Larry and Garry, along with Gerald Coleman, Ken Peyer and one of several players up from the JVs like Frank Hozeska, Ken Simon, Leon Banks, Jeff Vorwald, Kevin Horner, Dwight Grosse and Ken Peyer.

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PACIFIC COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (Continued from page 45)

LONG BEACH STATE UNIV.

Rebuilding normally means starting from scratch, but the Forty-niners efforts in this area begins with seven familiar, talented individuals plus banner recruits. On the negative side, no starters are back.

"I feel that we have a good blend of returning players. They are the kind who will provide the leadership that we need," offered Jones in assessing the picture.

Headlining the list of returnees is 6-6 Bob Gross. Coming off the bench in 24 games, he popped in seven points and snapped five rebounds per game from the boards.

"Any coach would be glad to have a player like Gross back," Jones declared. "He gives nothing less than 100 per cent, and I think he'll be one of the top players in the nation."

Carlos Mina (6-8), a spirited jumper, will anchor the front line, and he figures to get support from Floyd Heaton (6-5) and Kyle Jackson (6-7). Heaton, a rugged individual who was an all-state jaycee pick two campaigns ago, could generate offensive excitement if he can avoid the foul problems that plague him in 1973-74.

Sophomore Dale Dillon (6-3), seniors John Kazmer (6-4) and Dale Leslie (6-3) plus redshirt Glen Gerke make guard a strong position. Dillon and Leslie expect to duel for the point, while Kazmer and Gerke will battle for wing.

The Forty Niners, who have the nation's longest home win streak (77 straight), landed a highly sought gem, Larry Hudson. The 6-5 product of L.B. Jordan achieved all-America recognition and was Long Beach player of the year after averaging over 22 points an outing as a prep.

Swingman Richard Johnson (6-5), a transfer from Univ. of San Francisco, and James Dawson (6-9), a member of the Armed Forces all-star team twice, add muscle up front.

"Hudson and Dawson had outstanding futures here," Jones predicted, "and Johnson can step right in and give up a big lift."

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIV.

A broken foot and no big men in the middle derailed San Diego's hopes a year ago, but the problems appeared licked and the Aztecs may be ready to advance.

The foot belongs to star 6-7 forward Steve Copp, a freshman sensation. He had a strong sophomore season until a mishap shelved him for the year. Now the foot is mended. The center situation may be resolved with acquisition of 6-8 Will Connelly, a comes-to-play sophomore from Scottsdale J.C.

Connelly was named all-state in Arizona after averaging 18.3 points and 9.8 rebounds; prior to that he was all-New York City as a prep. In 11 games a year, Copp, an all-conference pick as a frosh, led Aztec scoring at 13.1, and gathered in rebounds at a 6.3 clip.

The pair should get help from eight returning players and five fresh faces.

Heading the array of those back is 6-8 Allen Bunting, who averaged 9.8 points and 6.7 rebounds as a soph. Guards Gary Earle (6-3) and Mark Delsman, who had 120 assists, are joined by Willie Stanley (6-7) plus several players who saw token action.

Redshirt forward Vince Carson (6-7), a transfer from U.C.L.A. after playing on two Bruin N.C.A.A. championship squads, may crack the starting lineup. Bob Kovach, a 6-6 all-stater while at Chaffey College, should make his presence felt immediately.

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Jeff Welshans (6-6½), an all-C.I.F. choice at Katella H.S., can't be overlooked in the fight for forward starting assignments, or key relief roles.

Guards Robert Green and Raul Contreras display impressive credentials. The 6-2 Green was a first team all-New York City selection last year following a 22-points-per-game season. Contreras, who averaged 23.4 a contest at Huntington Beach H.S., earned all-C.I.F. plaudits.

Green possesses an excellent 20-foot jump shot, and his excellent quickness was used to advantage as he led his high school team in steals.

SAN JOSE STATE UNIV.

Promising is the term that best describes San Jose's outlook for the coming campaign.

Coach Ivan Guevara has his entire starting unit intact, and other areas have yielded some high-powered prospects—including 6-1 Rich Darnell—that should be ample and of immediate value. Darnell, a redshirt from Indiana State, is the prayer for Guevara's constant headache—pivot.

Guards Pete Miller (6-2) and Ken Mickey (6-1) plus forward Jack Gamulin (6-5) carried the brunt of the Spartan offense after loss of the smooth team leader Eric Saulny who broke a leg early in the season.

Ron Fair (6-7) saw action up front in every game as a sophomore, and he did a creditable job (7.0 p.p.g. and 6.2 rebounds), but he was haunted by foul trouble. Earl Hogue (6-5) shot 54.5 per cent from the floor, but he, in the opinion of Guevara, "didn't shoot enough" and he experienced difficulty handling the ball.

Gary Hicks suffered through a poor shooting year, and little offensive explosiveness came from Russ Palmer (6-6); yet both could be of help because of their experience factors.

Aid is anticipated from Don Orndorff (6-7), who redshirted after averaging 10.6 points in 1972-73. More help may come from Mike Stevens (6-9), a sophomore who paced the freshman team rebounding two campaigns ago.

Rick Young (6-3), Grady Roberts (6-6) and Larry Bowles (6-5) are up from the 17-7 frosh ranks. Young gunned in 510 points, a school record, en route to a 21.2 average. He also claimed 7.9 rebounds and had 61 assists. Roberts and Bowles scored at 16.4 and 13.4 clips, respectively, and they combined for 19 rebounds a contest.

UNIV. OF THE PACIFIC

A wealth of experience is on hand at Pacific with eight lettermen—four of whom were starters—in the fold, and this could go a long way toward jettisoning the Tigers from the rut of back-to-back 14-12 records.

Starters back include Chad Meyer (6-8), senior center who averaged 10.1 points and 6.9 rebounds a game last year, and Leonard Armato, 5-11 junior guard who scored 9.4 and handed out a school and conference season-record 178 assists.

Ron James, 6-5 forward (9.3 avg.) and Vic Baker, 6-4 sophomore who started all 26 games and averaged 7.2 points, 6.5 rebounds, round out the ranks.

Gary Dean began each battle until sidelined with a broken ankle. Prior to the injury, the 6-5 forward had been the team's best player (11.7 and 7.3 rebounds); after the accident, Pacific dropped six of its last seven contests.

Biggest coup for the season may be addition to the roster of redshirt Keith Young. The 6-5 senior guard transferred from Minnesota where he started Keith Young. The 6-5 senior guard transferred from Minnesota where he started for the Gophers' Big 10 championship team as a sophomore in 1971-72.

Young paced Minnesota in field goals and free throw shooting that campaign while averaging 9.3 points a game. Leg injuries slowed him during his junior season.

Morrison is optimistic that sophomore Myron Jordan, a multi-talented 6-6 forward-guard can be of ins-

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tant aid. He averaged 20.2 points and 12.2 rebounds for the junior varsity squad.

Tim Halemeier, a 6-11 junior, is being counted on for rapid development at center, while 6-4 sophomore guard Bruce Palmer should make significant offensive contributions.

Morrison has abandoned the Tigers' traditional 1-3-1 offense in favor of a more conventional two-guard attack, and he will be putting emphasis on rebounding, a trouble spot in 1973-74.

SOUTHERN SMALL SCHOOLS

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GUILFORD

Four starters return at Guilford, led by All-American guard Lloyd Free, a 6-2 junior, who averaged 24.9 points a year ago. Two years ago Free was the Most Valuable Player in the NAIA Tournament when the Quakers won the championship.

He'll be joined by 6-9 senior center Ray Massengill (14.0 points and 8.5 rebounds); 6-5 sophomore Sam Kennedy (12.3 points and 8.6 rebounds), and 6-0 sophomore guard Billy Highsmith (8.9) in the starting lineup. Steve Hankins, a 6-6, 31-year-old senior, should add backup muscle on the front line.

Coach Jackie Jensen can also call on two excellent freshmen prospects—6-6 Paul Drechsler and 6-5 Elton Gross

SOUTHERN U.

Coach Carl Stewart has turned the basketball fortunes at Southern abruptly around in just two short seasons.

All the top guns return from the team that won the 1974 SWAC Tournament. The standout performer is Ron Barrow, the third highest scorer in NCAA Division II (26.9). He'll team with All-SWAC backcourt ace Andrew Frazier (14.1).

The front line should be comprised of 6-4 senior forward Willie Titus (13.1), 6-7 Al Berger and 6-7 Archie Hill. Freshman Gary Teasley provides additional strength.

GRAMBLING

Grambling was the most improved club in the SWAC last year, finishing with a 16-11 record. Graduation claimed Aaron James and his 32.2 scoring average, but coach Fred Hobdy feels he has adequate firepower returning.

The attack will be centered around sophomore guards Larry Wright (18.9) and Billy Burton (12.0) and forward Joe Jones (9.1).

Three new recruits—6-8 Terry Sikes, 6-4 Arthur Carbo and 6-5 James Brooks—are all considered top prospects.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

The addition of 6-8 Lon Smith and 6-6 James Sparrow—Sparrow broke all of Charlie Scott's prep scoring records—will make North Carolina a potential powerhouse.

Also returning from last year's 16-10 squad are 6-1 guard Standly Parham, 6-7 Ron Johnson and 6-10 Sinclair Corbett.

Reserve help should come from 6-7 Dexter Boone and 6-5 Len Reliford along with 7-2 James Wilkins, when he becomes eligible.

CARSON-NEWMAN

With the loss of three starters, youth will characterize coach Gene Mehaffey's Carson-Newman team this season.

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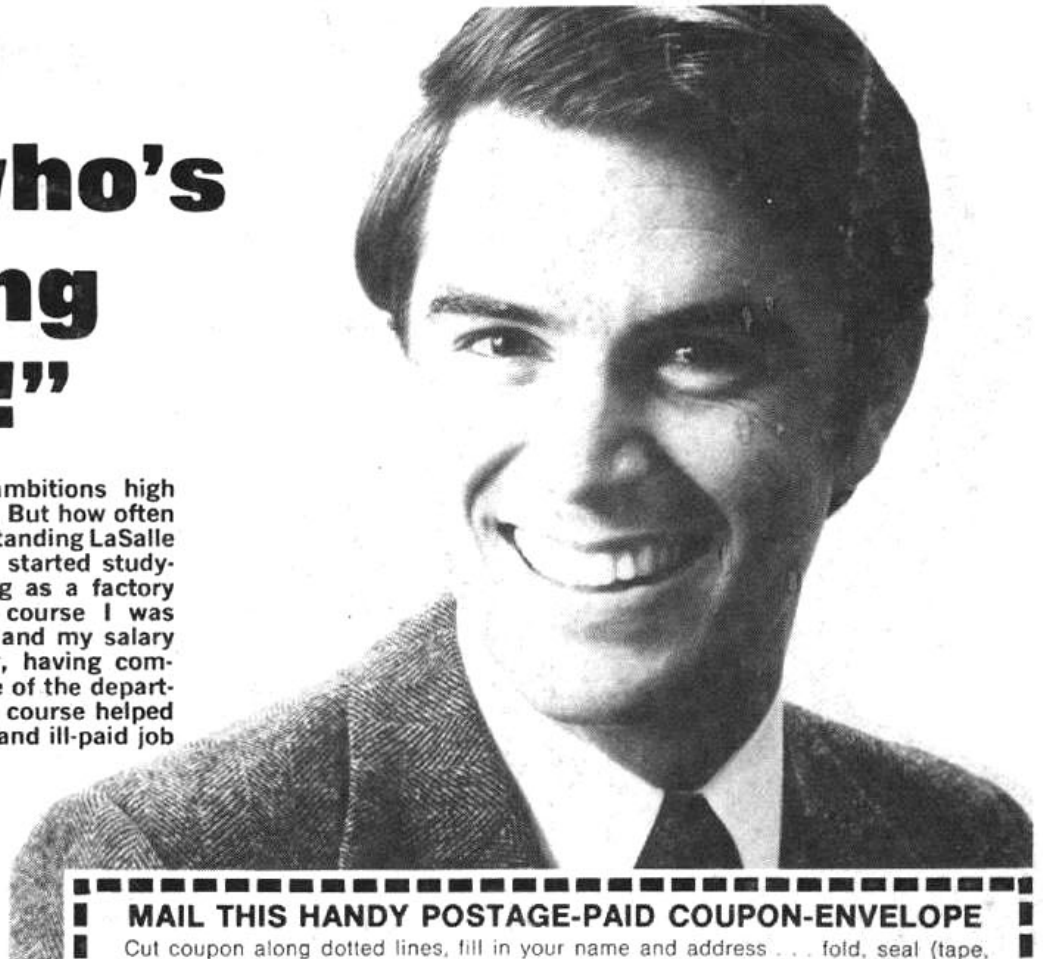
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